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Re: Request to enter Phase II

Columbia County requests your approval to enter Phase II on June 6, 2020.

There have not been any substantive changes to the responses the County submitted in its Phase I application. The County still meets the Phase I prerequisites: declining disease prevalence; adequate contact tracers; minimum testing regimen and sufficient testing sites in underserved communities; adequate isolation and quarantine facilities; and sufficient PPE supply for first responders. During Phase I, the County has not had a significant increase in cases; in fact, the County has not had any new cases of COVID-19.

The County certifies it meets the Phase II prerequisites for counties:

- The county has an adequate Contact Tracing System. At this time, the County has 8 contact tracers.
- The County has adequate isolation/quarantine facilities and it has successfully quarantined individuals at the facility.
- The County meets the Minimum Testing Regimen; testing capacity exceeds 30 tests per 10,000 people per week and there are five testing sites in the county.
- The County certifies that first responders have sufficient PPE supply.

Regional capacity to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations is available in the Regional Multi-Agency Coordination System's Situation Status Report:

HPO Region 1 Hospitals and Health Systems Capacity

HPO Region 1 Hospital Capacity Dashboard*			
Type of Capacity	As of 5/27	As of 5/22	As of 5/20
# of COVID Admits (+ and being tested)	79	79	112
# COVID Patients on Vents**	12	11	15
Available Adult ICU Beds	58	75	66
Available Pediatric ICU Beds	24	24	24
Available Emergency Dept Beds	258	263	298
Available Negative Pressure Beds	229	248	277
Vents Not Currently in Use	416	411	446
HOSCAP is no longer capturing the number of PPE on hand. It's been removed from the table.			

Additional Hospital Information:

Regional 1 Hospital PPE Cache Update*

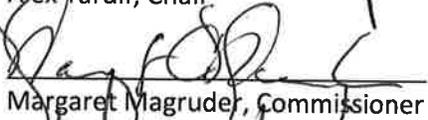
KN95	60,500
Procedural masks	141,950
Face shields	31,080
Eye protection	2,554
Gloves	1,500
Gowns	460
Scrubs	336
Sanitizer, liquid (gal, various bottles)	4,319

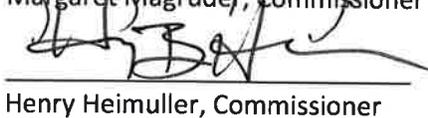
*As of 05/27 1500

Based on this data, the County believes it can safely reopen business and public life. The public health infrastructure is adequate to safeguard the health and safety of residents in Columbia County. The County is ready to enter Phase II and requests your approval. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,


 Alex Tardif, Chair


 Margaret Magruder, Commissioner


 Henry Heimuller, Commissioner