

Senator White –

I did just want you to be aware of a few additional new items Health is doing to support EMS:

The Health Department is collecting the following information, beginning April 9, 2020 and ongoing in order to monitor the EMS system capacity and needs:

- *Daily EMS Absenteeism Reporting for Transporting Agencies*
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has required Vermont to provide a daily report of EMS absenteeism and system challenges. They will use this data as part of a larger resource allocation planning tool and to better understand the needs of our response. Vermont EMS will use this to report on trends and to identify and address specific situations of high need. VTEMS will ask transporting agencies to report using a survey tool anytime absenteeism impacts your baseline operational capability. There will be no need to report unless you are experiencing a problem. This survey tool will be sent as a separate email reminder on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but we ask that you report to the survey anytime absenteeism becomes a problem.
- *Weekly System Survey*
On Monday we will begin a weekly short survey to each district asking for a brief assessment of system capability. Questions will vary from week to week, but they will be designed to address specific planning and reporting needs. Most importantly, this data will help us identify and respond as a system to ongoing and new challenges. On Fridays, this data will be summarized and reported back to agencies and district administration.

Health is also working with ADS to create a real time EMS data dashboard to track changes in call volume and COVID-19 responses. We are hoping to have that online next week.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

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