ALERT: CHECK YOUR REPORTING IN THE PORTAL

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Some hospitals have started to receive additional ventilators from different supply chain sources. If your facility has received additional ventilators, please be sure to update that information on the Resource Management Page in the ESF 8 Portal.

IMPORTANT: To help improve decision-making by state leadership, they have requested that we add a data field to the Resource/All Hospitals page. You will now see an item titled “Lab(s) Used for COVID Testing.” If you can provide this information today, it would be very helpful. You only need to update this item if and when it changes.

Also, thank you for updating your other information (Bed Poll, Ventilator Data, and COVID-19 Patient information, including ICU Surge Beds) in the portal by 10:00 am, today and every day.

This is important information for use in modeling the state’s near-term needs for additional beds and other resources.

Here are some tips on entering your bed poll data:

• Capacity – this means the number of staffed beds that you have at the time you update the Portal. This does not mean licensed beds. The data needed concerns how many patients you could admit to each bed type each day when you report.

• Changing bed types – some of you have included ICU-Surge Beds as a new bed type. Make sure that you provide data for these beds as you do any other type. One hospital thought that since all their surge beds were being used, they entered “0” for capacity and census. If you have 8 surge beds, and they all have patients in them, you would enter “8” for capacity and “8” for census. The Portal will show “0” Available beds.

• Finally, please make sure you are not double-counting beds. Some facilities are making changes such as converting a Med-Surg bed to a Negative Pressure bed, and they are counting both bed types. Please enter data (Capacity and Census) for each bed type and avoid double-counting beds.

Your efforts make a difference in the how and when our state gets help and additional resources. This is particularly critical as we face a near-term that will be difficult.

Thanks again for your efforts, and please reach out if you need any information. Email esf8help@la.gov or contact your Hospital DRC.