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SUBJ.: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hospital Surge Implementation

The purpose of this memorandum is to direct all acute care hospitals to implement the Healthcare Surge Strategy<sup>1</sup> for each San Joaquin County Acute Care Facility (ACF) by no later than March 27, 2020. Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-27-20 addressing the need to expand healthcare capacity. On March 23, 2020, Governor Newsom directed all hospitals to immediately expand surge capacity by 40%.

The San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SJCEMSA) will begin forward deploying portable medical beds to all ACFs in San Joaquin County in accordance to the Healthcare Surge Strategy. ACFs are required to submit requests for portable medical beds by no later than Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 0800 hours. Direct all questions regarding the deployment of portable medical beds to the EMS Department Operations Center (DOC) Logistics Sections Chief at (209) 468-6818.

SJCEMSA and San Joaquin County Public Health are preparing a Med MAC briefing for hospital executive and chief medical officers to provide predictive modeling of potential patient surge and begin advanced planning to receive patients in the coming weeks. Our goal is to hold the briefing by video conference within the next two days.

Additionally, all ACFs should immediately begin advanced planning and ordering of medical supplies to support the potential surge of COVID-19 patients in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions contact regarding this direction you may contact Jeff Costa, RN, EMS DOC Director at (209) 468-6818.

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<sup>1</sup> San Joaquin Operational Area Healthcare Coalition, Healthcare Surge Strategy, February 18, 2020.