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TO: Health Services Capacity Task Force

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ALL-HAZARD HEALTH SERVICES CAPACITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ESCALATION TO LEVEL 2 ESCALATED ACTIVATION

Effective immediately, upon recommendation of the Health Services Capacity Task Force (HSCTF), the All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan activation level has elevated from Level 3 Partial Activation to **Level 2 Escalated Activation**. Over the last week, system metrics have suggested increasing stresses to healthcare capacity. These indicators include increased ED boarders, larger EMS system volumes, and rising wastewater viral detections.

Close system monitoring is ongoing to determine the need to escalate to a higher plan level. As contemplated in the Capacity Plan, various mitigation tools may be activated.

Maintaining masking, physical distancing, and other protective practices are critical to minimize the level of the current patient surge. Vaccinations and boosters against COVID-19 and influenza are strongly encouraged.

The HSCTF Operational Group continues to meet regularly. Sector representatives provide important updates, facilitate information sharing, and recommend coordinated plan actions to optimize healthcare delivery countywide. Thank you to all Health Services Capacity Task Force members for your ongoing service to our county's residents and visitors.

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