



To: Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) Participants
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Medical Updates Regarding the Fires

Fires continue to actively burn in various parts of the County. Further evacuations are still possible, however no threat to the medical system is anticipated at this time.

Pomerado Hospital is now open and receiving patients. Fallbrook Hospital remains closed; the earliest predicted open date is Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

Qualcomm Stadium has been closed as an evacuation site. Some shelters will remain open with healthcare coverage including public health nurses. A state CAL-MAT team is delivering healthcare at the Del Mar shelter.

Healthcare providers should expect to see potentially increased numbers of patients reporting respiratory disease and related complications due to exposure to smoke and particulate matter.

Healthcare providers are reminded to continue disease surveillance and report to the Community Epidemiology Branch legally reportable diseases and conditions, as well as disease clusters and outbreaks, particularly in shelter settings.

The County of San Diego has established an official website for updated information on wildfire recovery activities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.sdcountyrecovery.com>

For fire-related updates this weekend, please visit the County Emergency Website at: <http://sdcountyemergency.com>.

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Repatriation

Approximately 100 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) residents are currently being repatriated to Villa Pomerado, adjacent to Pomerado Hospital. Approximately 65 SNF residents are being repatriated to Mount Miguel Covenant Village in Spring Valley. Residents of Villa Rancho Bernardo are not yet repatriating due to pending facility clearance. Other patient repatriations continue.

It is requested the healthcare facilities continue to coordinate repatriation activities with the County Medical Operation Center (MOC).

Thank you for your continued participation.

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