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Weekly status update based on meeting notes:

- There is going to be an opportunity for more COVID vaccinations next week due to another small shipment coming in. If you haven't already gotten it, and want it, make sure to get on the waiting list. The new doses will go fast.
- UV lights are available in multiple stations. Be sure to be regularly using it in your ambulances and around the station.
- We are very near making our bulk order of new disposable laryngoscope sets. The current sets will be used as a backup in ambulances.
- Get on Kronos and start requesting your vacations for 2021.
- If you are on duty, please join us at 0845 each weekday morning for the daily PHS huddle to get status updates for what to expect in the day.
- Be sure to have blankets and ice melt on each truck during winter weather.
- Remind your co-workers to get on Slack. Share your experience about getting a lot of info and have easy access to everyone in the department.
- Aaron and I are working on capital and operations budget for next year. If you have ideas, please let us know. We will be sending a survey so you can help us prioritize what you think is most important.
- Look for the F-shift with a Crew Leader to go 7-days a week starting next week.
- The next life support competency is coming up Jan 19. If you need BLS, ACLS, or PALS, please sign up. Looking at my list, it looks like the following need to attend (or get me more recent certification cards) and have yet to sign up: @Gregory Beydler, @Jerry Daily, @Cassandra Keller, @James Pursselley.
- Please do not switch cots from ambulance to ambulance. Some cots are only safe in certain ambulances.
- If you perform a treatment, please make sure it is documented in the flowchart and your interpretation is included somewhere. An example is capnography or ECG. Putting them on capnography and downloading the monitor does not tell us enough. Please include your interpretation of the treatment so we know what you were thinking on the call.
- Bolivar is trialing our best option so far with plumbing two M-tanks together on an ambulance. Expect to hear more and a slow roll-out of this equipment for every ambulance. So far, it is looking like it is going to cost us about $250 per ambulance to make it happen.
- We have several staff members in our department on quarantine right now and CMH is experiencing record numbers as well. Daily, we are used to hearing 30-ish new COVID positive tests but in the past two or three days, the number has been 60-ish COVID positive results every day. Continue to be vigilant wearing a mask if you are within six feet of another human.
- Our COVID protocol has not changed since July. Please review it (http://ozarksems.com/protocol-2-330.php) and continue to limit aerosolizing treatments. And ABSOLUTELY do the following:

1. Put a mask on every patient.
2. Do not perform any airway or ventilation treatment while in the hallway in a hospital. Do them in a patient room or in your ambulance.