



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-20200914-00469-ALT (Health Alert)

RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide

September 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Updated FDA Emergency Use Authorization
Expands Remdesivir Utilization

Dear Colleagues,

Under an updated FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), Remdesivir is now recommended for use in treatment of **all adult and pediatric patients hospitalized with suspected or laboratory confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. The updated guidance no longer includes a requirement of oxygen saturation (SpO₂) \leq 94% or use of supplemental oxygen.

Requesting Remdesivir for your Hospital:

The process for hospitals to obtain Remdesivir has not changed. In brief:

- Mississippi will continue to receive a weekly allocation of Remdesivir from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);
- The state allocation will still be based on hospital data submitted through the TeleTracking web portal;
- MSDH collects hospital data to determine hospital allocation and submits the allocation to AmerisourceBergen;
- AmerisourceBergen calls the hospitals to see if they want their allocation (hospitals may declare, in advance, urgent or autoconfirmed allocations through the MSDH Pharmacy).

Resources:

Remdesivir EUA Letter of Authorization <https://www.fda.gov/media/137564/download>

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers <https://www.fda.gov/media/137565/download>

Remdesivir Fact Sheet for Patient and Parent/Caregivers (Spanish language) https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/remdesivir/eua-fact-sheet-for-patients-and-caregivers_spanish-language.pdf?la=en&hash=F63F3136CF8A8B2EB21F4A3CEFDB654B

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program: MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier: MSHAN-2020914-00469-ALT
Program (HAN) Type: Health Alert
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Alert
Reference: MSHAN-00469
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

- Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded



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Message Type:

- Alert: Indicates an original Alert
- Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
- Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

- Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
- Severe: Significant threat to life or property
- Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
- Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
- Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

- Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
- Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).