

## MEDIC ONE STAFF REORT – DECEMBER 2020

### ALS Update:

- COVID-19 vaccination deployment at the countywide level has been headed up by PSPH and public health. As a vaccine nears deployment, our responders will have the first opportunity to obtain that vaccine, if they so desire. A workgroup will be initiated in late November / early December to discuss deployment options for our responders.
- As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Thurston County, and the Western Washington region, we need to be mindful of our day-to-day adherence to preventative measures.
- There remain supply chain constraints on PPE, but we are looking to build up a stockpile to make the PPE reserves more resilient going into the coming months.
- As Medic One searches for PPE from a variety of sources, what is issued through Alan and Medic One cache may look different from that which we have traditionally supplied (i.e. black gloves instead of blue).
- Paramedic hiring update: Two paramedics were added to the hiring list for Thurston County Medic One. Both paramedics have already been offered conditional offers in the County.
- Battelle has discontinued their Tacoma, WA N95 mask sterilization facility. They are, however, taking shipments of masks to their Eugene, OR facility free of charge.

### BLS Update:

- The Fall 2020-2 EMT Course:
  - 23 students remain in the EMT Course.
  - The EMT Students will participate in the course finals on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Student/faculty screening, facial covering and decontamination procedures are followed during all class sessions. N95s will be worn throughout the remainder of the course.
  - We continue to evaluate the course as it progresses to identify strengths and weaknesses.
- OTEP
  - Training has resumed with social distancing and decontamination guidelines in place. Training with SGAs (supraglottic airways) has been led by Amy Johnson-Carpenter to ensure a consistent roll out of this new skill for EMTs. Classes will run through December 29<sup>th</sup>.

### CPR Update:

- Citizen CPR Classes resumed June 13<sup>th</sup>. Class sizes continue to be small to accommodate social distancing. Screening of class participants and decontamination guidelines remain in place.

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- 1,483 citizens have been trained as of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.