

EMS Update

Supply Shortages

-At this time we are aware of supply challenges with Nasal Cannula ETCO2 (Adult) and Defibrillation pads (Adult and Pediatric). Please remove and replace expired items from service as usual, but do not dispose of the expired items until we understand how far reaching the shortages will be.

-We are watching a couple of medication shortages, mostly as a result of increased use from the Omicron surge. If we need to make changes, notification will be sent to the impacted agencies and posted at resupply locations. We typically have short notice when this occurs.

Spring Protocol Changes

-Spring protocol updates will go into effect on Monday, March 14th, 2022. Limited changes are planned. Details to follow. No Protocol Committee will be required. As always, protocol ideas can be submitted via email to krueger.zachariah@mhsil.com at any time.

Access to Vaccines

-[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) is the national database for vaccine locations. This link allows for search by location, manufacturer and age group as well as provides contact information to schedule appointment.

MEMS Education

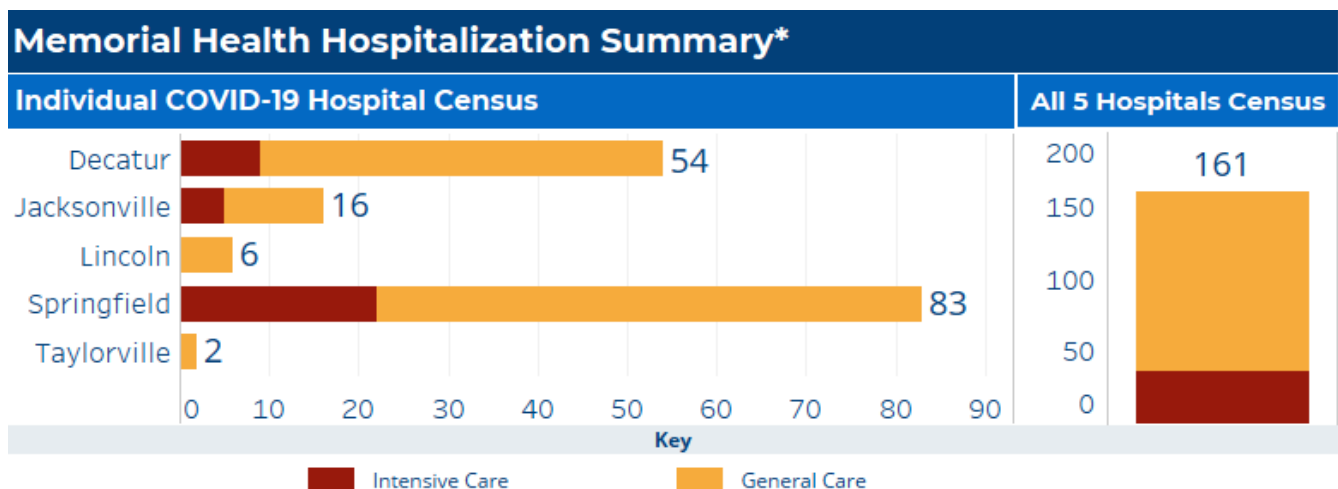
-MEMS Monthly CEU The topic for February will be **12-Lead EKG Interpretation**. The dates and times will be Friday, February 11th 0900-1100 and Tuesday, February 22nd 1900-2100. Both have on-line remote access. Friday has an in-person option as well. Register via [HealthStream](https://www.healthstream.com).

-PHTLS Due to a room conflict we have had to change the date of the May PHTLS class from May 11th to May 12th, 2022.

-PALS 02/15/22, only 4 spots remain, sign-up ASAP

Outside Education

-PHRN (with virtual component) at Rural Med EMS starting 3/23/22, Contact 618-245-9111



*Note: Hospitalization census often includes patients who may live in counties outside of the hospital's home county and is not a representation of hospitalizations in that local community.