Oregon Hospital Community,
(Please share with those making HOSCAP updates within your hospital)

We recognize the hard work at all levels of the healthcare system in the face of this unprecedented and evolving health crisis. We appreciate your recent work to report accurate COVID-19 bed capacity, ventilator and PPE data via HOSCAP. These data support planning and response efforts for Oregon and regional and local partners.

Our federal partners at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are also tracking hospital capacity issues, and recently began requiring that hospitals report daily on bed availability and supplies, as well as information for those with in-house labs.

To reduce hospital reporting burden, we intend to meet the HHS requirements for reporting bed availability and supplies on behalf of hospitals and are working with our HOSCAP vendor an automatic data push to the HHS reporting system. HOSCAP already collects several of the fields requested by HHS, however, we will need to create about 12 new fields to synchronize to the questions HHS is asking. By adding these fields to HOSCAP, hospitals won’t need to go to a separate system to meet HHS requirements. The data push from HOSCAP will occur daily, thus satisfying the HHS request.

We are exploring whether HOSCAP is a good option for hospitals to include the HHS requirements for in-house lab reporting as well. Unfortunately, the HHS lab data requested cannot be generated from the current reporting to OHA (e.g., ELR) and CDC. If HOSCAP will be used, OHA would need to add 8 fields in HOSCAP to fulfill the HHS request for aggregate data on COVID-19 daily and cumulative orders, as well as daily and cumulative positive and negative COVID-19 tests. This reporting doesn’t replace existing requirements for hospital labs to report to OHA, or for OHA to report COVID-19 result data to CDC.
Our next steps are to work with hospital volunteers to test the new HHS fields in a test “event” in HOSCAP, before we go live with this reporting for all hospitals. All HOSCAP users will be able to see the test event, but only the hospitals participating in testing will be listed.

Once we are ready to go live, HHS will approve OHA to begin submitting hospital data, and OHA will send a written release notice to all hospital administrators. Expect a HAN alert about this as we get closer. We expect HHS reporting in HOSCAP to go live by the first week in May, if not a bit earlier.


More information will be shared soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, you can reach the HOSCAP team at: OrESF8.HAN@dhsoha.state.or.us. Hospitals may also prefer to check in with your Regional Emergency Coordinator.

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