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COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

COVID-19 is impacting the Mississippi Trauma Care System. This was an expressed concern during the July 23, 2020 Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) and Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) joint meeting. Working with key stakeholders in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, a survey was developed and emailed to over 300 individuals on August 3. Completing the survey will support the Mississippi Trauma Care System, trauma patient care and trauma staffing support. The survey results will quantify trauma system risk and opportunities, as well as aid trauma system planning and change.

The survey is designed to capture the perceptions of hospital executives, trauma medical directors, trauma program managers, registrars, and emergency services providers.

You may not yet have data through July. July was a big impact month for Mississippi and we wanted to include the data if available; but, just provide the data that you do have for the comparative timeframes and make a note in the last question field where you can free text the date range of your data.



If you have not completed the survey, simply click on the survey link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZG3HWJ3>

PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT MEETINGS

MTCSF is looking for individuals to present 10-15 minute "Lessons Learned" sessions during the virtual district meetings. This is a knowledge sharing opportunity that may save a life. Other possibilities could be topics from source experts, such as burns or new EMS equipment.

Contact jgardner@mhanet.org for more information.

EDUCATION UPDATES

The MTCSF Director dropped in on a TNCC class in July. It was good to see the instructor/student interactions. This class also served as a pilot for the new Education & Educational Reimbursement Policy. Here are a few improvements that will be made to the policy and procedures in the next few weeks.

First, MTCSF has simplified and clarified the *Request for Approval and Payment Form* and added comments to the form to guide you in completion. Instructors, if you are teaching a course in August or September, please email jgardner@mhanet.org to request the updated form.

Second, the pre-course evaluation questionnaire was well received, and instructors have asked for a post-course evaluation form to be completed at the end of the survey. Since Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) has moved to an online

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evaluation, the instructors and MTCSF still value the immediate feedback from the students. The post-course questionnaire is now developed and available. If you are teaching a course in August, please request the pre-course questionnaire and the post-course questionnaire forms from jgardner@mhanet.org.



All educational opportunities are to be pre-approved to ensure payment. If you are an instructor or course director planning classes, you should notify the foundation by submitting a *Request for Approval and Payment Form* for review and approval. Once the course is completed the form can be updated for the payment portion after you have completed the course. The purpose is to fill classes and decrease cost per student.



Speaking of reducing cost to trauma classes, the MTCSF is asking students and their managers to respect commitments and ensure attendance. Some registered students do not make attendance a priority. Some mistakenly think there is no cost. That is not true. Classes require a student/instructor ratio. Training Manuals/Books are purchased in advance. In other words, no-show and postponed students cost the trauma system financially and in the percentage of student completions.

Tuesday Central District Quarterly Meeting

August 11, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/580929181>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 580-929-181

Going forward, MTCSF is asking the class instructors to provide the names of registered students that do not attend and state whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Excused absences should be made up at the next available class offering.

This is a forum for local discussion for those between Highway 82 & Highway 84. Open to anyone involved in trauma system improvements, so share the invitation.

Excused absences would include situations where students notify their instructors in advance of their scheduled class and another student fills the vacancy. This includes vacations, medical appointments, military service, family activities, surgery, emergencies, illness, funerals & jury duty.

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Unexcused absences may result in loss of registration fee, if prepaid. Unexcused absences from hospital-based programs may result in written notification to the student's supervisor. The goal is to ensure exceptional courses, every time.

full-scale exercise would require support from Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept., Meridian Police Department, Meridian fire, county fire, LEMA, and EMS. Metro responds. And if we needed air lift, we would have either AirCare or PHI [Air Medical] provide us air lift." Check out the link:

<https://www.wtok.com/2020/06/24/emergency-drill-performed-at-meridian-regional-airport/>



Are you interested in sharing news? You are invited to share recognition, announcements & new employee, and physician introductions to the Mississippi Trauma System in future Newsletters.

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Spotlight on EMS

Emergency drill performed at Meridian Regional Airport

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MERIDIAN, Miss. (WTOK) - Meridian Regional Airport and its emergency response partners were called into action in a mock drill Wednesday to make sure every agency knows its role in case something goes wrong.

"What it does is it brings all the city agencies, county agencies together," says Paul Smith, the director of operations with the Meridian Airport Authority. "The Air National Guard is responsible for initial crash response. And the



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