Field Medical Stations

Three field medical stations (FMS), regionally located in the northern, central and southern parts of the state, provide up to 1,000 beds to increase capacity and assist hospitals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The FMS have been set up by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Jersey National Guard, New Jersey State Police and the Office of Emergency Management and will be staffed by medical professionals contracted and hired by the State and supplemented by the federal Medical Task Force.

The FMS care for patients who are our friends, neighbors, colleagues and other community members who no longer require critical care in an acute care hospital, but are still appropriate for a hospital setting because they still require 24/7 medical care. The FMS are capable of treating COVID-19 patients, and care is overseen by a Chief Medical Officer. The FMS were set up to allow acute care hospitals to focus solely on patients in need of critical care. Three hospitals will serve as regional coordinators to identify patients for the FMS. Health care officials at the sites are using appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus

- Status: Open
- Capacity: 250 beds
- Logistics: Also includes nurse stations, pharmacy, private rooms, Wi-Fi, catering, showers, bathrooms, lab services, and break room for health care workers.
- Hospital regional coordinator: University Hospital

New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison

- Status: Open
- Capacity: 500 beds
- Logistics: Nurse stations, pharmacy, private rooms, Wi-Fi, catering, showers, bathrooms, lab services, and break room for health care workers.
- Hospital regional coordinator: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Atlantic City Convention Center

- Status: April 21 (soft opening)
- Capacity: 250 beds
- Logistics: Will include nurse stations, pharmacy, private rooms, Wi-Fi, catering, showers, bathrooms, lab services, and break room for health care workers.
- Hospital regional coordinator: Cooper University Health Care
Former hospitals

Former hospitals are being reopened and will provide health care for patients who require medical surgical interventions appropriate for a hospital stay. The hospitals will be staffed by medical personnel who responded to the state’s appeal for help through the COVID-19 portal. The state Department of Health is also working with several hospitals to significantly increase bed capacity.

Hotels

The state is contracting with hotels near hospitals and field medical stations. The hotels will provide care to COVID-positive health care workers and community members who are in need of a safe place to isolate but no longer need medical care.

For more COVID-19 information: Please visit the New Jersey Information Hub at: https://covid19.nj.gov/