



IDPH - DIVISION OF EMS AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

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AGENDA

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- Questions/Discussion

INTRODUCTION

- Last name pronounced (tay-Lee)
- Grew up in central Illinois
- Still live near Springfield, Illinois
- Husband (Nick) – paramedic and nursing student
- Kids – Zachary (12), Nathan (11), and Emersyn (3)



BACKGROUND

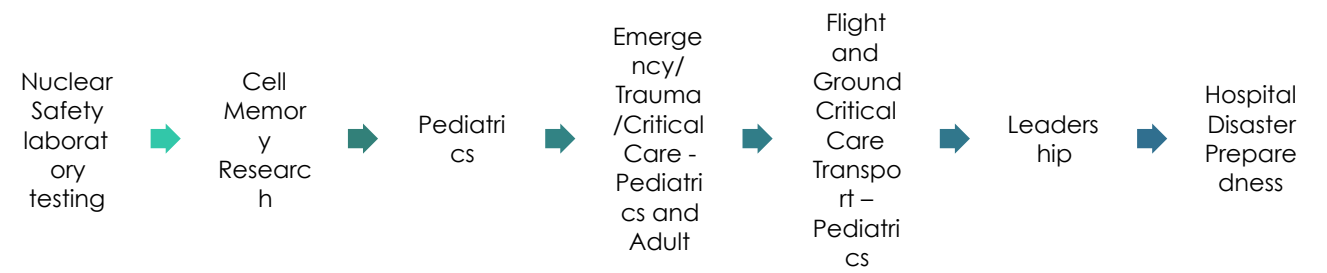
Education

- MSN – Executive Leadership – complete May 2020

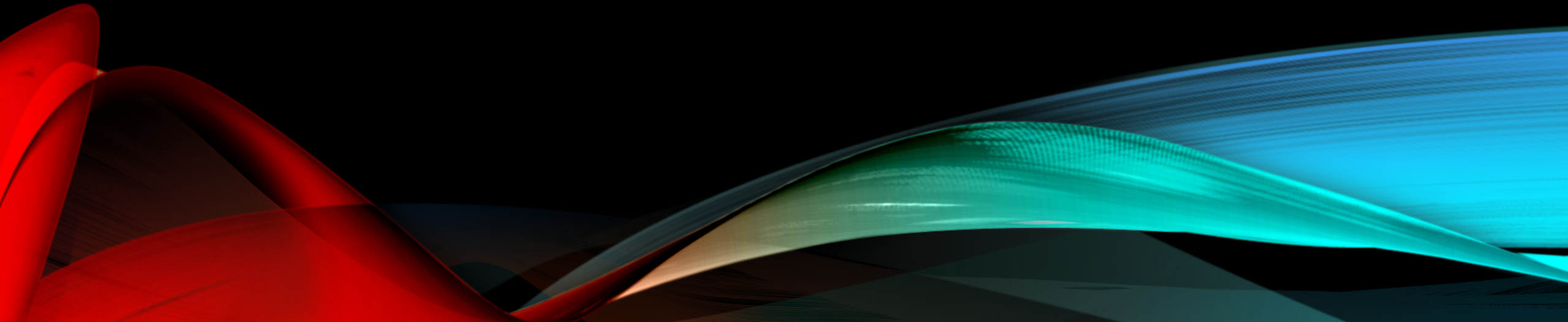
Certifications/ Licensures

- CPN
- TNS

BACKGROUND CONT'D



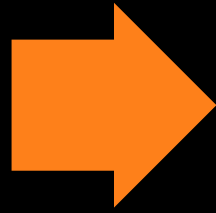
EMS UPDATES



LICENSING AND EDUCATION

- Testing Changes
 - National Registry will become the testing mechanism for Illinois EMS as of April 2020
 - EMTs, AEMT, and Paramedics, PHRN
 - For those that have an Illinois license, nothing changes, continue to renew as you did in past renewal periods
- Licensing Changes
 - No Changes
 - Do not have to maintain NR certification
- One step closer to meeting requirements of REPLICA/COMPACT state
- Further Questions - DPH.EMTLIC@illinois.gov

Training
begins next
week for
new Trauma
Registry
platform



TRAUMA/STROKE
Seeking out
an RFP for a
Stroke
Registry
platform



RULES UPDATES

- Continue to review EMS rules and are awaiting the latest revisions to be adopted
- Will be seeking volunteers to work on revising a large number of rules
- If anyone is interested please contact me
- Goal– reflect the most up to date practice for EMS in revisions

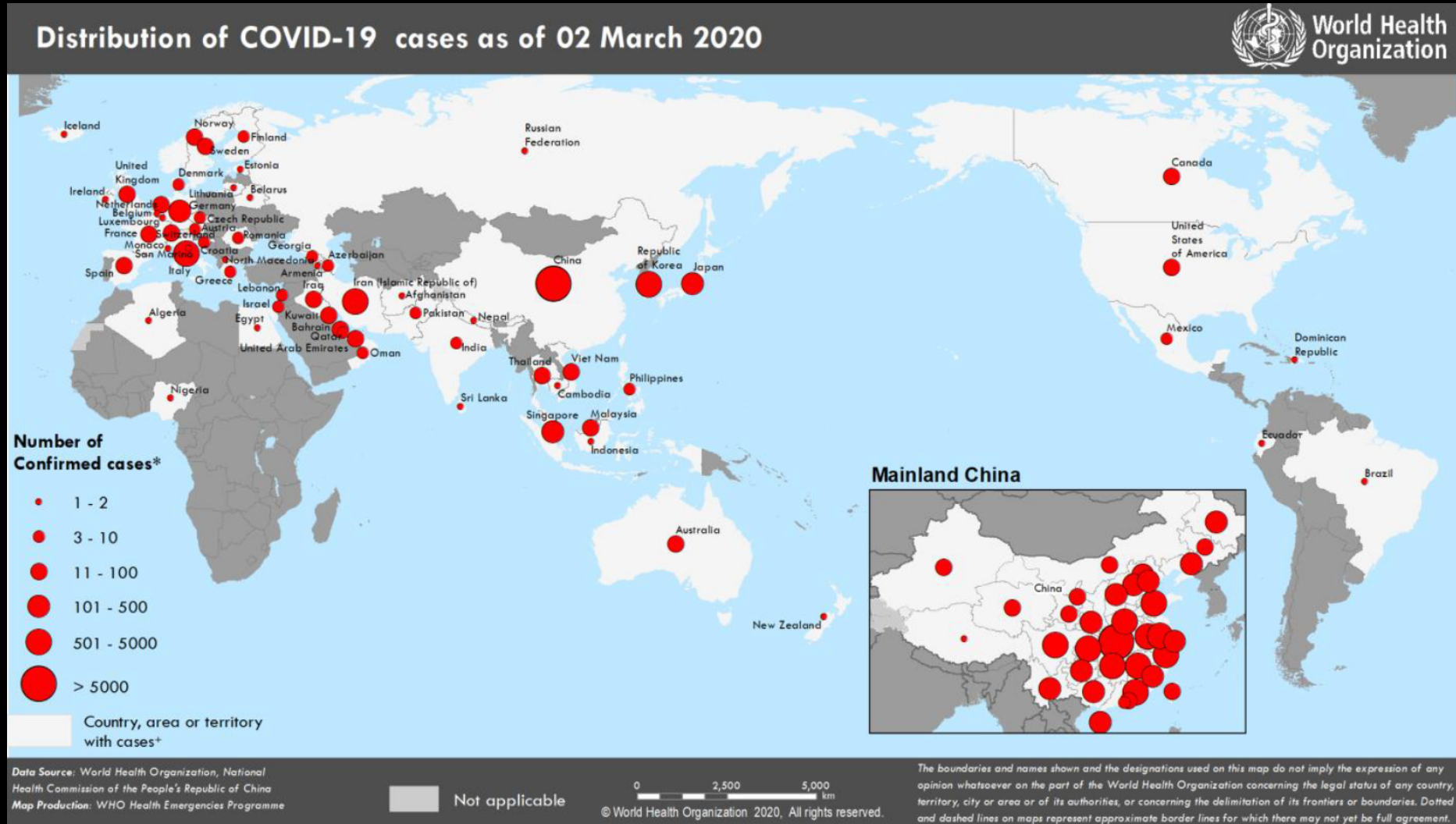
MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH

- 6 Illinois Providers are participating in this pilot program
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are conducting a pilot and will pay participating ambulance suppliers and providers to
 - 1) transport an individual to a hospital emergency department (ED) or other destination covered under the regulations,
 - 2) transport to an alternative destination partner (such as a primary care doctor's office or an urgent care clinic), or
 - 3) provide treatment in place with a qualified health care partner, either on the scene or connected using telehealth.
- The model will allow beneficiaries to access the most appropriate emergency services at the right time and place.

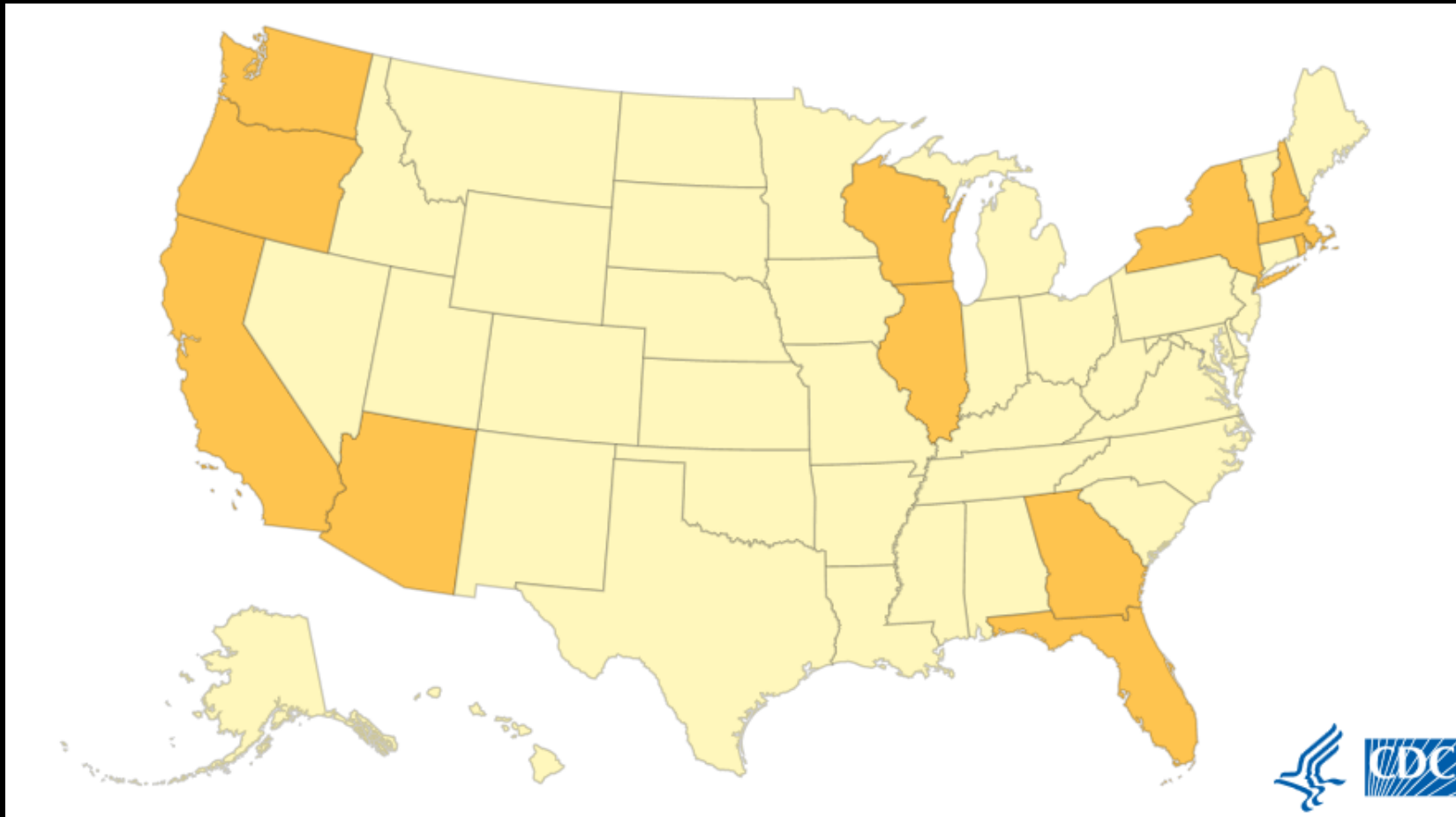


COVID – 19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 CASE COUNT AS OF MARCH 2, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 (MARCH 3, 2020)



COVID-19: CASES IN THE US REPORTED TO CDC (AS OF MARCH 3, 2020)

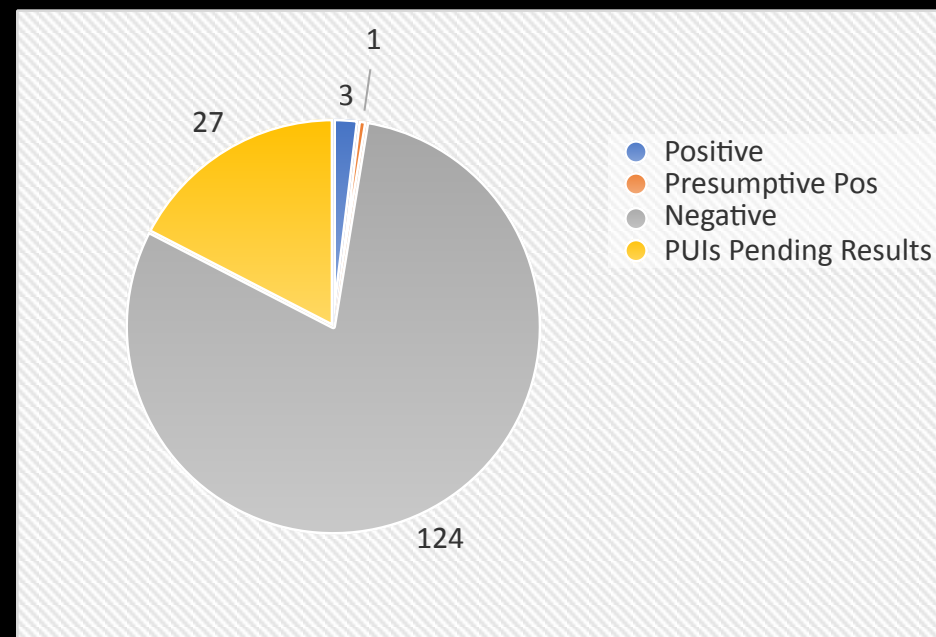
Travel-related	22
Person-to-person spread	11
Under Investigation	27
Total Cases	60

6 Deaths

12 State Reporting

ILLINOIS COVID-19 TEST RESULT AS OF MARCH 4, 2020

Positive (confirmed)	3
Preliminary Positive, pending confirmation at CDC	1
Negative	124
PUIs Pending Results	27
Total Tested	155
Deaths	0



EMS UPDATES FOR COVID-19

- NHTSA's office of EMS is meeting weekly to provide the latest information to EMS
- **Special Edition: What EMS and 911 Need to Know About COVID-19 (Feb 24, 2020)**
 - <https://youtu.be/ZrnbufgDqjo>

911 PSAPS

- Determine if modified caller inquiries are necessary
- Coordinate with state and local HDs and other call centers
- Develop modified caller inquiries as approved by the local EMS System MD
- Modified Call Queries –
 - When appropriate question callers and determine the possibility of signs and symptoms associated with the 2019 nCoV
 - Communicate to EMS the need to use recommended PPE when making contact with person

EMS CLINICIANS

- Follow direction based on system protocols as approved by local EMS Medical Director
- Prior to Suspected Patient Assessment, EMS Should:
 - Don recommended PPE
 - Initially EMS personnel should remain at least 6 ft from person, if possible
 - Place facemask on patient prior to patient contact
- If a 2019 nCoV infection is not suspected, EMS should follow all standard procedures and use appropriate PPE for a patient with potential respiratory infection
- Limit # of providers in the patient compartment to limit exposure
- Avoid use of aerosol-generating procedures

RECOMMENDED PPE FOR EMS CLINICIANS

- Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions
- Equipment
 - Exam gloves
 - Disposable isolation gown
 - Respiratory Protection (N-95 or high level respirator)
 - Eye protection (goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers front and sides of face)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DRIVER OF AMBULANCE OR ASSISTING IN MOVEMENT OF PATIENT

- Wear recommended PPE
- Dispose of PPE before entering driver compartment
- Perform Hand hygiene prior to entering compartment
- Avoid touching face while working
- If not isolated compartment, driver should continue to use respirator during transport

PRIOR TO AND UPON ARRIVAL TO HOSPITAL

- Notify online medical control of patient status and need for negative airflow room
- Remove PPE and discard in using normal routine procedures
- Use standard precautions to prevent transmission of infectious agents

HOW TO BE PREPARED

- Review current infection control and decontamination policies and procedures
- Provide any necessary training and education to employees in accordance with EMS system and as approved by EMS MD
- Medically clear, train, and fit test for respiratory protection devices (N-95 and/or PAPRs)
- Adequate supply of PPE or a way to obtain supply from Resource hospital
- Ensure supplies appropriate for disinfection

DOCUMENTATION AND NOTIFICATION

- Complete documentation after patient hand-off to hospital
- Document all EMS clinicians who cared for patient and an appropriate assessment and documentation of care provided
- Share with Local public health as needed
- Ensure notification of Local and state HDs if necessary
- Consult with state and local HDs for exposure and risk management or EMS personnel
- Any EMS clinician who had unprotected exposure to a suspected patient should notify chain of command immediately

QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP -

- Are you having difficulty acquiring PPE?
- What types of supplies are you experiencing shortages?
- How much PPE do you usually have on hand?
- If you have tried to order and experiencing difficulty, what are you being told from your vendors?
- Do you have plans for mitigating a PPE shortage?
- What other types of things are you experiencing during the COVID-19 response?

QUESTIONS FOR ME?

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