



# HEALTH ADVISORY

## Public Health

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### San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Policy for Distribution of Remdesivir

**Background**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, California has received four allocations of donated remdesivir, which has been allocated to the counties based on the burden of COVID-19 cases.

This policy outlines how the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Medical Director will distribute remdesivir to general acute care hospitals in San Bernardino County during supply shortages.

**Distribution  
Methodology**

Remdesivir will be allocated only to hospitals reporting COVID-19 data to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) per CDPH All Facilities Letter 20-31.1 issued April 18, 2020. Remdesivir distribution to general acute care hospitals will be non-preferentially based on hospital census of eligible patients at each facility.

Unused remdesivir may be transferred to another hospital if the medication remains within San Bernardino County subject to review and approval from the County Health Officer. Remdesivir shall not be transferred out of the County.

**Report of  
Hospitals with  
COVID-19 Patients**

CDPH will disseminate a daily report of hospitals with COVID-19 patients to the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC).

- The most recent report available to the MHOAC prior to the date of distribution will be used to determine allocations.
- Hospitals not reporting using the COVID-19 to CDPH will not receive an allocation of remdesivir.

**Determining the Percentage of Eligible Patients**

Remdesivir distribution will be based on the percentage of eligible patients at each hospital to the total number of eligible patients in all hospitals. Eligible patients are the combined number of admitted COVID-19 confirmed cases and COVID-19 suspected patients.

**Note:** The number of eligible patients at each hospital divided by number of eligible patients at all hospitals = percentage of total eligible patients.

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**Allocation of Remdesivir**

Remdesivir doses will be allocated to each hospital based on the total number of doses received by the operational area. The percent of total eligible patients times total number of doses received in the Operational Area = total doses for each hospital.

Allocations will be provided in increments of 6 doses (5-day treatment course) only. The total number of doses for each hospital divided by 6 doses = allocated doses (rounded to nearest increment of 6 doses for each hospital).

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**Receiving Remdesivir by the Hospital**

A licensed pharmacist must sign for receipt of remdesivir at the receiving hospital.

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**Patient Remdesivir Administration Criteria**

Hospitals receiving remdesivir must develop policies to determine which patients will receive remdesivir. Hospitals also must:

- Follow Federal Drug Administration Expanded Access Use Conditions for administering Remdesivir. FDA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization of Remdesivir. <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>
- Follow San Bernardino Hospital and Provider Guidance on Remdesivir Allocation, Ethical Use and Reporting (June 6, 2020)
- Provide patients the full course of 6 daily doses.

**Note:** If the patient is transferred, any remaining doses that the patient has not received must be sent with the patient.

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**Unused Doses of Remdesivir**

Unused doses of remdesivir at a receiving hospital will be tracked and may reduce future allocation schedule to that hospital.

Unused doses of remdesivir may be reallocated to another San Bernardino County hospital based on need and burden of cases. Hospital should contact the ICEMA duty officer to redistribute unused doses of remdesivir. In routine situations, please email at [icemadutyofficer@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:icemadutyofficer@cao.sbcounty.gov). For urgent inquiries, please call (909)-208-8618.

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