



NOVEMBER 2023

Seneca Healthcare District Board of Directors Meeting

CNO Report

COVID and Other Public Health Updates:

Plumas County COVID-19 By the Numbers:

- CDC now recommends that counties use COVID-19 hospital admission levels to guide prevention decisions. ALL COUNTIES in California currently are listed with a COVID-19 hospital admission level = **LOW**.

Flu Season:

Flu (influenza) season runs yearly from November 1 of one year until April 30 of the next year. It might be better named "respiratory virus season" because other viruses, including RSV and COVID-19, are also prone to cause serious respiratory illness this time of year.

Seneca's Infection Prevention team reported that over 90% of our staff have received the flu vaccine this season which is outstanding. Those who have declined the vaccine will need to wear surgical masks while inside of Seneca buildings from 11/16/23 until public health declares an end to flu season.

Continuing Education:

- ✓ MICN (Mobile Intensive Care Nurse) Training was provided by Nor-Cal EMS on October 16, 2023. The nurses must complete an ambulance ride-along for a minimum of four hours before becoming certified. Chester Fire has refused to allow ride-alongs so we continue to work with other EMS providers to complete this training.
- ✓ Nursing Skills Fair was held the week of November 6-10. Topics covered included: aseptic technique, infection prevention, needle safety, CPR/Zoll defibrillators, and nursing reassessments.

Medical Equipment Planning (early procurement): (To be presented by Donna H.)

All new equipment planned for the new hospital have been reviewed. The following equipment will need to be purchased prior to moving:

ED: Two new stretchers

Imaging: Ultrasound machine

Lab: "Cellavision"

Surgery: Tower/insufflator/laparoscopes

Nursing Recruitment and Workforce Concerns:

Clinical Lab Scientist (CLS) Manager has given notice of impending retirement; position has been posted with recruiting firms.

RN House Supervisor/Drug Room RN position has been filled.

Per diem RN hired for surgical services.

Regulatory Updates:

A 5-member survey team arrived unannounced to the Seneca campus on Monday October 16, 2023. The survey team was made up of three registered nurses, one pharmacist, and one registered dietitian. The team completed their survey on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The final report was received on 11/2/23. The plan of correction was submitted on 11/7/23 and fully approved on 11/15/23.

Upcoming Anticipated Regulatory Surveys:

Long Term Care unit
Laboratory

Respectfully submitted,

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