

Accurate data on hospital capacity and hospital utilization are needed for planning for potential surges in number of cases in specific geographic areas of the state in order to address gaps between availability and need. This is why MDHHS Director Robert Gordon issued an [Emergency Order on March 24](#), pursuant to MCL 333.2253, that hospitals in the state of Michigan must abide by MDHHS' instructions on reporting of information related to COVID-19 response, including reporting

- Frequency of updates to bed capacity.
- Personal protective equipment inventory.
- Laboratory testing capacity.
- Number of ventilated patients.
- Number of ventilators.
- Patient census.
- Staffing shortages.
- Units or areas dedicated to COVID-19 treatment.
- Other data, which in the hospital's judgment, may help to support response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Spokeswoman Lynn Sutfin tells WHMI the department has received this information from many hospitals, with the Beaumont health system reporting robustly into the system. Information is posted by [Healthcare Coalition Region](#) to the [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#) website. However, not all hospitals are regularly reporting and MDHHS is working to improve response rate into the system and plans to include improved additional information in the coming days.