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To: Illinois Hospital Chief Medical Officers  
From: Ngozi O. Ezike, MD  
RE: Remdesivir Allocation

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has sent an initial shipment of remdesivir for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients – via distributor AmerisourceBergen -- to states, based on the burden of disease, in order to make some product immediately accessible. Guidelines for the eligibility for remdesivir can be found at The Food and Drug Administration website (Fact Sheet on Emergency Use Authorization of Remdesivir).

The shipment of remdisivir arrived today in Illinois and will be shipped to hospitals on full case allotments. The Illinois Department of Public Health received 140 cases, and each has enough vials to treat approximately 5 patients (depending on a 6 vs. 11 vials course). ASPR has recommended that full cases be delivered without states breaking them up and shipping loose vials. Since it is impossible for every hospital in Illinois to get a case of remdesivir we established criteria to dose allocation to Illinois hospitals that we think is equitable, transparent, and data-driven. Remdesivir will be distributed to the hospitals that have seen the most critically ill COVID-19 patients and to safety net hospitals and hospitals treating large communities of color (a table is attached which indicates hospital and region-specific distributions). The criteria considered is as follows:

- Statewide COVID-19 hospitalization and intensive care unit (ICU) data to determine regional and hospital distributions.
- Distribution of COVID-19 ICU patient census at each hospital for the past 14 days then came up with an average related to that hospital and the proportion of “total IL ICU COVID burden” each hospital has carried for the past 14 days.
- RESTORE regional percentages: 90% Northeast; 5% North Central; 2% Central; 2% Southern

Thank you for your work and support surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Future shipments of Remdesivir are expected to be available and future allocation will consider the hospitals that received initial allocations. If you have any questions about your shipment please contact Winfred Rawls, Deputy Direct, Office of Preparedness and Response, at [Winfred.Rawls@Illinois.gov](mailto:Winfred.Rawls@Illinois.gov) and 217-299-3602.

Sincerely,

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Director, Illinois Department of Public Health

**Attachment 1. Remdesivir Allocation by Hospital and Illinois Region**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Hospital Name</b>	<b>Number of Boxes</b>
Region 1	Swedish American Hospital	4
Region 2	OSF St. Francis Medical Center	3
Region 3	HSHS St. John's Hospital	3
Region 4	HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon	3
Region 7	Advocate Christ Medical Center	25
Region 9	Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	8
Region 10	Northshore Glenbrook Hospital	8
Region 11	AMITA Resurrection Medical Ctr Chicago	8
Region 11	John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital Cook County	8
Region 11	Mount Sinai Hospital	8
Region 11	Northwestern Memorial Hospital	10
Region 11	Rush University Medical Center	34
Region 11	Saint Anthony Hospital	8
Region 11	University of Chicago Medical Center	10