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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alameda County Hospitals

FROM: Alameda County EMS Agency

DATE: March 8, 2020

RE: **Grand Princess Cruise Ship**

The Grand Princess cruise ship will be docking and disembarking their passengers at the Port of Oakland tomorrow in order to better quarantine people and care for those who are symptomatic. Passengers and crew on the cruise ship have been utilizing isolation precautions on the ship and COVID-19 testing for symptomatic people has taken place. Twenty-one people have tested positive for COVID-19, two passengers and nineteen crew members.

The Grand Princess cruise ship has been posted off the California coastline since last week, after several passengers from its previous itinerary tested positive for COVID-19. Several passengers and the crew carried over to the current itinerary and began exhibiting symptoms prompting concern.

This is a state and federal operation, with local support. As of now, the plan is to quarantine the majority of the passengers at military bases. Passengers requiring acute emergency care or higher assessment will be sent to out-of-area hospitals, and only critically ill would be sent to local or regional hospitals. Cruise ship staff will remain quarantined on their ship. No one from the ship will be released into the community.

Hospitals should continue to update their HavBed counts on ReddiNet so that we can maintain situational awareness of available resources. Once patient counts have been identified through health screenings during the passenger disembarking process, communications and polling will be conducted through ReddiNet advising of the need for resources from Alameda County Hospitals.

Please remember that this is a fluid event, so plans are subject to change as needed in order to maintain the health and safety of both the passengers and the community.