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To All EMS Personnel in the EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City & Tulsa

#### Key Content:

- **Educational Resource – The Reality of Testing – COVID-19 - CIDRAP**

*Testing. This continues to be the forefront as “the answer” in many thoughts about COVID-19. Yet, there is so much misinformation in print, online, and on TV about what testing can and cannot achieve. To follow up on the content of Update 14, please see the link below for a very thoughtful dialogue about testing.*

#### Educational Resource – COVID-19 – CIDRAP

Any longer-term reader of these updates will now recognize the name of Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. After the release of Update 14 on Tuesday of this week, specifically within the past day, the fourth episode of The Osterholm Update – The Reality of Testing was posted on the CIDRAP website (release date 14 APR). You’ll find this reinforces the foundational information laid out in Update 14 and builds on what lies ahead.

You can access it at this link: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/podcasts-webinars/episode-4> or The Osterholm Update is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or Google Play Music.

I encourage you to invest the 39 minutes in this latest compilation of knowledge and insight from Dr. Osterholm so I’m truncating my comments today in favor of your time with him. More than ever, we recognize this will prove a medical challenge marathon, meaning it is important to pace information while staying enlightened and engaged.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to helping others in this mentally and physically challenging time. Vigilance. Safety. Evidence-Based Service to Others.

Let’s be careful out there.

Dr. Goodloe