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Update 7 - COVID-19 – From Office of the Medical Director 06MAR2020 1800

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

Just a few hours ago, I released Update 6 – COVID-19 – From the Office of the Medical Director 06MAR2020 1200. Since that interim, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma State Department of Health Commissioner Gary Cox, and Tulsa Health Department Executive Director Dr. Bruce Dart have announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Oklahoma in a person residing in Tulsa.

The announcement of this case today only underscores the importance and timeliness of the information I shared earlier today. For those wondering, I had absolutely no knowledge of this test result when composing the message earlier today.

Use the knowledge we've cumulatively shared on COVID-19, the baseline knowledge you already possessed about the importance of infection control, including wise use of PPE, and continue the dedication you have to serving others when they need you most.

We have interesting days, weeks, and most likely months ahead regarding this disease. I have confidence in your abilities to reduce your risk, to reduce the risk to your colleagues, to reduce the risk to your families and others while you admirably fulfill the duties of emergency medical services.

We are open to any specific questions if you have them.

Dr. Goodloe