CORONAVIRUS: Is your facility READY?

Air Pressure Isolation Rooms
- Does your facility have negative pressure isolation rooms both in the ED and on in-patient units?
- Where are they located and are staff aware of these locations?
- Is there a plan in place should the number of patients overwhelm the number of rooms?
- Can an entire floor of the hospital be turned into a negative pressure isolation area?
- What is the plan for continual maintenance of overflow and exhaust?

Personal Protective Equipment
- Is there a plan for projected shortages of N95s/PAPRs for hospital personnel and surgical masks for patients?
- How will current stockpiles of PPE be diverted to coronavirus cases?

PUI (Person Under Investigation) Screening
- What is the procedure to screen PUI patients?
- What is the process so that family members/friends/caregivers who came in with the PUI do not spread the virus to other patients and visitors or staff?
- What PPE will be used by staff who are screening PUI patients?

Staff Exposure
- Are there procedures in place for staff that are exposed to COVID-19?
- Will staff be paid for time taken off for self-quarantining?
- For practical purposes, is it assumed that staff exposure to COVID-19 happened at work?
- Is there a process for pregnant staff workers who do not want to work in areas with COVID-19 potential or actual patients?

Facility
- Does the facility have a process for visitors in the facility to not be near isolation areas?
- Has the facility adequately assessed environmental and disinfecting procedures?
- Has a hazard assessment taken place that involves all employees who may have close contact with PUI or patients with COVID-19?

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 go to:
www.minurses.org/covid-19

Resources: