

LASD - Department Operations Center



COVID-19

Hospital Surge Plans

The purpose of this notice is to have all Department patrol stations in a **state of readiness** in the event of **civil disorder related to denial of service and overload of hospitals due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**.

The following JDIC message was sent at the request of the Sheriff on March 17, 2020 regarding Surge Plan recommendations for **all** law enforcement agencies:

In preparation for a possible future surge in hospital admissions and occupancy, the Sheriff is requesting all law enforcement agencies contact hospitals in their jurisdiction for the purposes of situational awareness. Law enforcement agencies should ensure that hospitals in their area of operation have patient surge plans in place. Specifically, those plans should **address any anticipation for potential security needs and mutual aid requests**. Those security needs should be assessed by each agency's emergency operational center prior to any mutual aid requests. Law enforcement agencies shall **maintain a constant state of readiness**.

Questions or advanced planning mutual aid requests shall be coordinated with the law branch representative at the County Emergency Operations Center by calling [REDACTED].

Pursuant to the Sheriff's recommendations in the JDIC message above, each **Station unit commander** shall contact local hospitals within their respective jurisdiction to meet with hospital administrators or security directors. Unit commanders will ensure the hospitals have safety plans in place, in the event of a significant surge in patients who are ill and seeking treatment at their facility. Hospitals should have existing safety plans in place; however, unit commanders will ensure the plans address potential security needs and mutual aid requests requiring a law enforcement response.

If you have any questions or require additional information, the DOC is available 24 hours at [REDACTED].