# Incident Response and Maintaining Situational Awareness Across Multiple Facilities/Regions

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# Kaiser By The Numbers



Members

12.6M

Hospitals

**39** 

Medical offices<sup>1</sup>

734



Physicians<sup>2</sup>

23,656



Nurses<sup>3</sup>

65,005



Employees<sup>+</sup>

218,994

# **Emergency Management Now**



# Ice and Fire

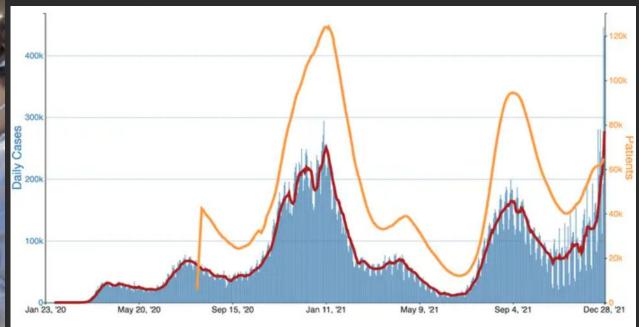






Floods





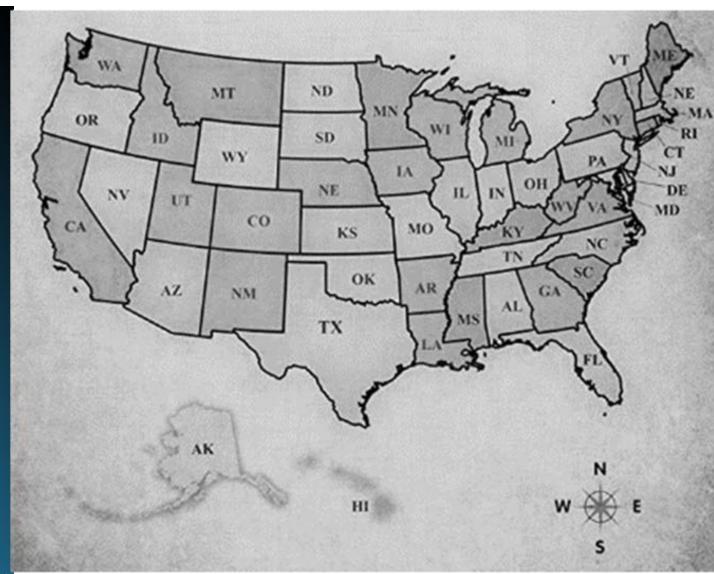
New COVID-19 cases are pictured in blue (daily reported) and red (seven day average). The orange line represents average daily new COVID-19 hospitalizations. CDC

COVID 19. And 20, 21, 22...

# **Identifying Operational Issues**



# What it looked like...



# Creating an Equitable Solution

- Standardized
- Inclusive
- Available to all regions
- Affordability
- Relevant

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# **Organizational Considerations**





### What problem are you trying to solve?

- Various platforms
- Lack of alignment between stakeholders and occasional users
- Constant one-off solutions
- Real-time problems during events
- Action items from After Action Reports (AAR)

Internal workflows aren't working.



# Understand Your Audience. What are they willing to, or not willing to do?

- Technology challenges
- Short attention spans
- High turnover
- Decision making hierarchy
- Level of emergency management experience

Your solution needs to be realistic and sustainable.

# **Understanding How Technology Can Assist**





# What's in the market? What can be leveraged internally? What issues are the priority?

- Vendor solutions
- Current administrative applications and solutions e.g.,
   MS Teams Office 365 Mass notification systems
- Internally developed solutions

The answer isn't all or nothing but a hybrid.

# **Maintaining Situational Awareness**





### What issues are the priority?

- User friendly interface
- Push Notification: real time communication and notification
- Share Information: notification from medical center to region to national
- Track Issues: log issue resolution/response, closure in activity log
- External situational awareness
- Populate AAR for each event
- Maintain regulatory compliance

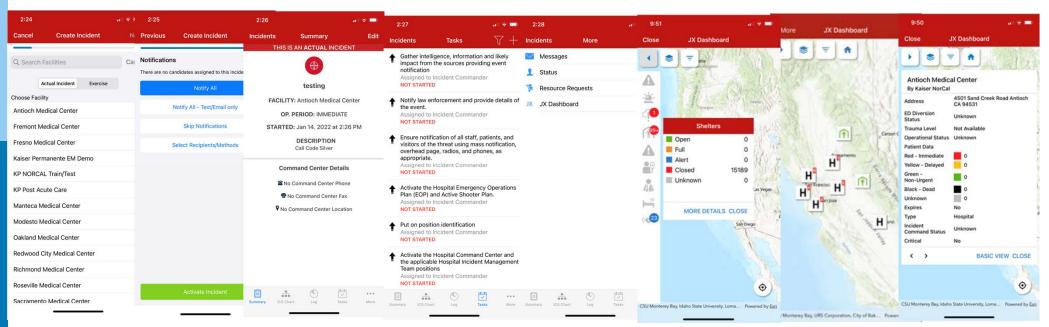
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# Kaiser Permanente Incident Response System (KPIRS)



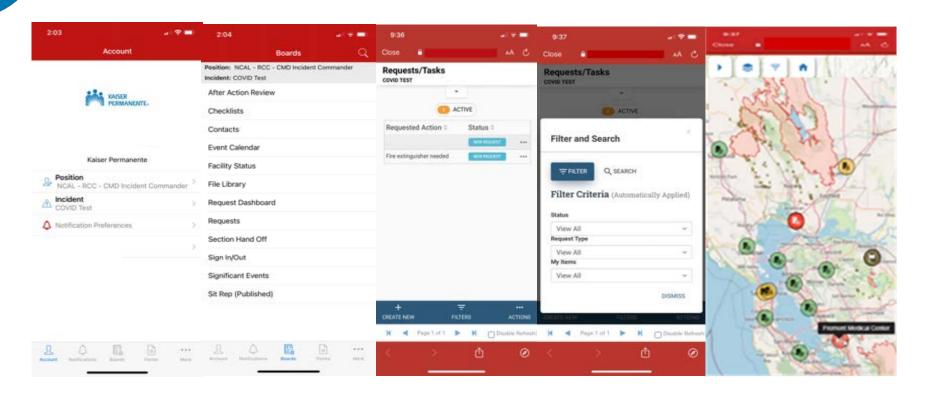


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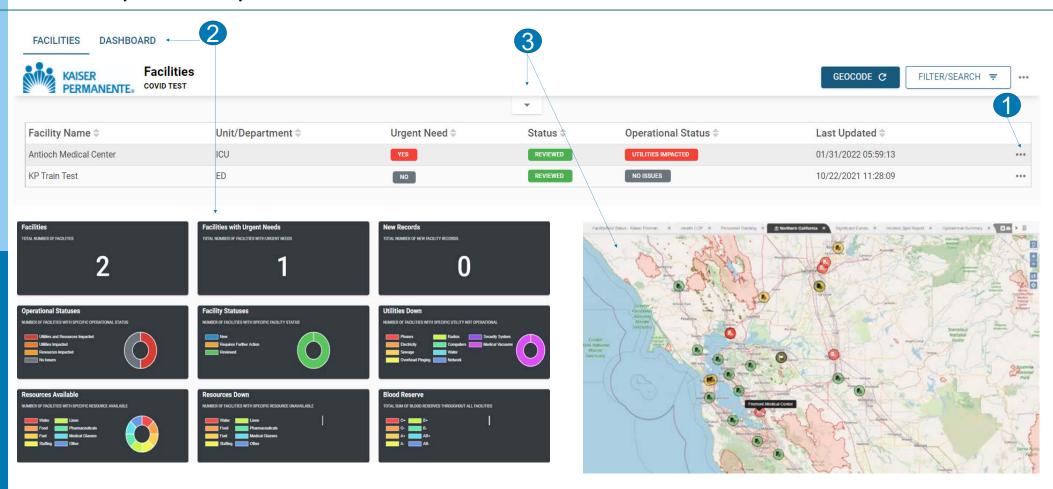


Region and National

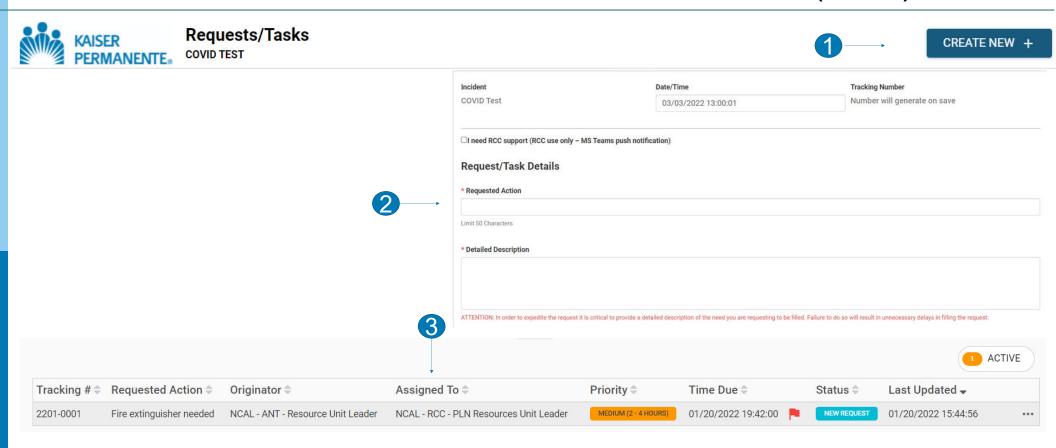
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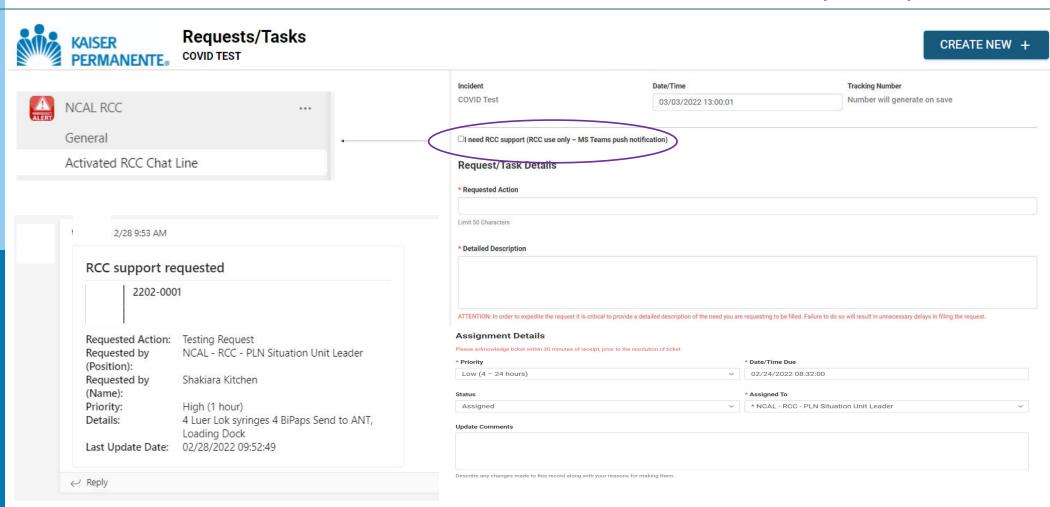
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# **Adoption**





### Ask for what you want today and in the future.

- Stakeholders: Get buy-in before you start and update along the way
- Vendor Demos, three questions:
  - Do they understand your industry? How customizable is their tool? What's their growth path?
    - See a demonstration of your ask before you sign the contract
    - o Have their IT architecture designer on the calls when developing the statement of work
- **Test:** At each step of development test the build to ensure your ask has been executed Don't wait until the end. You'll never catch everything.
- **Beta Group**: Bring together stakeholders and occasional users to test the entire workflow before signing off on the statement of work
- Ongoing Support: Understand that modifications, implementation and training are ongoing



### Plan for delays and the slowdown to implement.

- Identify Owners: The roll out and implementation person/team will be responsible for getting people to the trainings, uploading site specific information and ensuring application use
- 2. Communication: Broadcast what's coming and its benefits
- **3. Educate:** Customize your education materials to the audience and leverage the vendors resources
- 4. Train: Weekly, set aside time for people to ask questions and demonstrate user issues
- 5. **Test**: Plan for coordinated drills to slow walk people through the application

Go Live: Prepare to repeat steps 1 – 5 until the application is adopted and seen as process

### The Beta Group are your product champions!







### **FUTURE STATE**



100% of Kaiser command centers using KPIRS for emergency responses



100% of Kaiser response personnel trained



Increased internal systems integration



Greater Integration with our community's response systems



# **Questions?**



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