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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, the FAA is struggling to control and educate the ever-expanding number of drone operators that are seeking to fly in the National Air Space. The biggest challenge has been and continues to be the new recreational or hobbyist drone pilots. Flight For Life has worked and continues to work on educating the communities we serve on how to fly safely and responsibly so that our patients and flight crews are not put at risk.

Hospital helipads are considered to be airports by the FAA. This means that recreational drone users are required to notify a hospital if they are operating a drone within five miles of the facility. Hospital switchboard and/or administration may receive calls from these drone operators if they are following the FAA rules. So what do those who receive these calls need to do?

1. Obtain the date, time-frame altitude, and location where the drone will be flying
2. Provide the information to Flight For Life by calling 414-778-3466
3. Flight For Life will post the information to the hazard reporting site Weatherturndown.com that can be accessed by all flight programs regardless of location

Conversely, if a department or subcontractor will be using a drone on or near your hospital campus, please provide the following information.

1. Contact Flight For Life in advance at 414-778-3466 and provide the date, time, altitude, and location where the drone will be flying
2. Provide the cell phone number of the staff member who will be escorting the drone operator
3. FFL will contact him/her if there are incoming flights during that time and he/she will be asked to land the drone temporarily
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If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact either Tammy Chatman at tchatman@mrmcfl.org / 414-791-6655 or Jayce Commo at jcommo@mrmcfl.org / 920-251-9387.

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