



Dear EMS Partner,

Recently, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance for EMS with regards to COVID 19. In short, the key changes are noted below:

- *Reorganized recommendations into 2 sections:*
  - *Recommended infection prevention and control (IPC) practices for routine activities during the pandemic.*
  - *Recommended IPC practices when caring for a patient with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection.*
- *Added recommendations that were included in [healthcare IPC FAQs](#) addressing:*
  - *Universal use of PPE for healthcare personnel working in communities with moderate to sustained transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19*
  - *Creating a process for responding to SARS-CoV-2 exposures among healthcare personnel and others.*

The full set of recommendations can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>

I will continue to provide updated information as it become available through email, postings in each Steward Hospital EMS Room/Area and through the bi-weekly Steward Email news blast. Please feel free to email me with any questions at the below email address. You can also contact your local Steward Hospital EMS Manager for information and assistance.

Respectfully,

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