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To: IHA Emergency Preparedness Contacts

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RE: PPE Use by EMS Personnel Entering Hospital

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NYSDOH has expressed concern that some hospitals are requiring EMS personnel to wear masks every time they enter the hospital.

It is important to adhere to current recommendations for PPE use when treating suspected COVID-19 patients, and, given the PPE supply shortage, to avoid unnecessary use.

Please review your facility's current practices to ensure that recommended PPE use and conservation policies are in place.

Below are links to CDC and NYSDOH recommendations to EMS systems and personnel which address issues including:

- Assessment and screening
- Infection control when COVID-19 is suspected
- Appropriate PPE use and Standard Precautions
- Transport Considerations and hospital notification

[CDC Interim Guidance for EMS Updated 3/10](#)

[NYSDOH COVID-19 EMS Practitioner Guidance \(V3.0\)](#)

Also provided below are links to CDC's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings and accompanying FAQs which were updated March 10th.

[CDC Infection Prevention & Control Recommendations](#)

[CDC Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19](#)

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