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TO: All PAEMS Agencies and Providers

Effective immediately, we are requesting all agencies perform twice daily temperature checks on active-duty crews, to be kept on record with the agency. As we continue to see a rise in community spread of COVID-19, we must remain vigilant of potential exposures to minimize risks to our crews, and to retain a high-level of response capability.

Additionally, the process has changed regarding ambulance patients coming to the ED. For patients with respiratory complaints, please pull up out front of triage, and enter through the triage doors.

For patients not suspected of COVID-19 (non-respiratory complaints), please bring your patient in through the main ambulance bay doors. Inside, the patient will have their temperature screened. If they have a fever, the patient will be directed to the respiratory pod.

For any questions, please contact the EMS Office.

Sincerely,

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