




EMS System Advisory #2018-12/14

TO: Riverside County EMS System

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SUBJECT: 2018-19 Flu Season Special Reports

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Week 40 has been identified by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as the beginning of Flu season. Each year during this time, the Riverside County EMS system experiences an increase in EMS transport volume and Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT). In an effort to monitor seasonal surge in APOT/APODs, and to mitigate the impact to EMS resources in Riverside County during the 2018-2019 Influenza season, Riverside County EMS Agency is publishing seasonal APOT/APOD reports in addition to the monthly APOT reports you may be familiar with. These seasonal reports feature weekly aggregate APOT and APOD times to provide the most current information available in order to ensure providers are aware of this seasonal impact and are prepared to activate surge plans appropriately.

Beginning with the Week 48 report and going forward, the weekly seasonal APOT report also features an *Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Response* analysis to identify those incidents characterized by Flu-like symptoms as observed in primary and secondary impressions in electronic patient care records (ePCRs).

The current seasonal report, Week 49, can be found at the following link:

<http://remsa.us/documents/reports/APOT/2018APOTSPECIALweek49.pdf>

You may also access the preceding 2018-2019 seasonal reports, beginning Week 41, at the “Current Reports” section at: <http://www.rivcoems.org/Documents/Reports-Current>

