



EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2020-12/22

TO: Riverside County EMS System

FROM: Trevor Douville, EMS Administrator *T Douville*

SUBJECT: 2020/21 Pandemic Surge Escalation (Week 52)

DATE: December 22, 2020

The Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA) continues to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Riverside County EMS system. During week 51, there were a total of 3,131 emergency ambulance transports in Riverside County—a 2.9% increase over the previous week’s 3,044 transports. The occurrence of Ambulance Patient Offload Delays (APODs) in week 51 was 1,113, representing an increase of 18.5% over the previous week’s total of 939 APODs. County-wide APOD hours for week 51 totaled 947, which is a 67.9% increase over the previous week’s total of 564. However, since Week 46, APOD hours have increased from 217 hours to 947 hours, which is an increase of **336%**. For additional details please reference the linked **Special Seasonal Reports**.

- **Week 51:** <http://remsa.us/documents/reports/APOT/2020APOTSPECIALweek51.pdf>
- **Week 50:** <http://remsa.us/documents/reports/APOT/2020APOTSPECIALweek50.pdf>

Effective immediately, the **APOD Unusual Event Procedures** are activated and authorized for all EMS patients meeting criteria for APOD Unusual Event defined in Policy 4204 <http://www.remsa.us/policy/4204>

If you have general questions, please contact the EMS Agency at (951) 358-5029, or for an urgent matter, the **REMSA Duty Officer at (951) 712-3342**.

