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## EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2022-01/06

**TO:** Riverside County EMS System

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**SUBJECT:** EMS System – Seasonal Surge Activation (Week 52)

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The Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA) is closely monitoring the impact of the 2021/22 seasonal surge on the Riverside County EMS system.

During week 52 (ending 1/1/2022), there were 3,284 emergency ambulance transports in Riverside County—a 5.4% increase from the previous week's 3,115 transports. There were 1,346 Ambulance Patient Offload Delays (APODs), representing a **30.2%** increase from the previous week's total of 1,034 APODs. 426 of those were delayed over 90 minutes, a **138%** increase from the previous week. County-wide APOD hours totaled over 1,242 hours, representing a **109.9%** increase over the previous week's total of 592 hours. Please see the linked Special Seasonal Reports.

Links to the Special Seasonal Reports provided below.

- **Week 52:** <http://remsa.us/documents/reports/APOT/2021APOTSPECIALweek52.pdf>

- **Week 51:** <http://remsa.us/documents/reports/APOT/2021APOTSPECIALweek51.pdf>

In coordination with Riverside University Health System – Public Health, here is the link to the most current Influenza Surveillance Report. <https://www.rivcohealthdata.org/>

Effective immediately, it is expected that all EMS providers and hospitals implement their respective surge and contingency plans to mitigate the impact of this seasonal surge event on EMS resources.

Please maximize REMSA Policy 4109, <http://www.remsa.us/policy/4109>, to ensure that EMS resources are available for 9-1-1 emergency responses.

**\*\*\*\*\* ACTIVATE SURGE PLANS! \*\*\*\*\***

If you have general questions, please contact the Riverside County EMS Agency



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