



EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2020-07/23

TO: Riverside County EMS System

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Treatment Protocols Update

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EMS System Partners, we continue to evolve our EMS clinical care guidance as the Federal and State recommendations are updated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health have updated guidance for clinical care of known or suspected COVID-19 patients. These updated standards include:

- Updates to clinical signs and symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection,
- Updated personal protective equipment (PPE) standards including
 - o Utilization of eye protection in all patient encounters when close contact with a patient is unavoidable in areas with moderate to severe community spread of COVID-19,
 - o Source control face covering for all persons (including patients and health care providers) interacting in a healthcare setting or facility.

REMSA 3307A has been updated to reflect these clinical care standards and processes.

<https://remsa.us/policy/3307A.pdf>

Additionally, the designated base hospital policy (REMSA 6207) that previously designated Riverside University Health System Medical Center (RUHS MC) as the base hospital for known or suspected COVID-19 patient distribution and patient tracking has *expired*. Transport providers must contact the receiving center that is the closest most appropriate destination for the patient following REMSA policies and procedures. The appropriate REMSA designated base hospital can still be utilized as clinically indicated for base hospital orders for patient's condition.

If you have any questions, please contact our REMSA Clinical Team.

