

## **Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency**

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To: Yolo County First Responders and EMS Providers

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Subject: COVID-19 Update #8 – REVISION - Clarification Procedural Guidance

All revisions are highlighted in yellow

## Clarification Procedural Guidance

This memo is to provide updated clarification on past directives to emphasize certain practices for all BLS and ALS providers during the pandemic.

No additional personnel will be permitted in the back of the ambulance to reduce exposure. This includes:

- Ride along for clinical or educational experience and/or clinical hours.
- Exception will be allowed for firefighters assisting with pediatric CPR.

\*\*For non-medical emergencies, it is at the discretion of the fire captain or IC\*\*

## No BVM to face utilization

- Hands Only CPR for BLS and place a surgical mask on the patient
- ALS or Optional Scope EMTs may place an i-gel or King Tub to secure the airway.
  - o Oral Tracheal Intubation should not be performed on any patient.

Emergency Departments are requesting that if the patient is prescribed an MDI, to please bring that MDI with you.

We have issued a directive to AMR to suspend the need for a Paramedic on all interfacility CCT transports.

Our concern remains first and foremost for the safety and care of our first responders as this public health event evolves. We will continue to provide updates and clarification as needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.