



# Yolo County Health and Human Services



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Subject: REVISED, COVID-19 Guidelines and Directives

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES

This memo provides an update to **the COVID-19 Interim Guidelines and Directives memo** sent on May 2020, and is effective immediately. **Updates or edits are highlighted in YELLOW.**

All other guidelines and directives remain in place. This updated interim directive and guidance memo is effective immediately and does not expire until revoked by the Yolo County EMS Agency.

We will review the current interim guidelines and directives in June of 2021 and evaluate the need for additional updates or revocation.

### DEFINITIONS

Guidance: is a recommendation for departments/agencies to implement within their organization

Directive: is a brief, official instruction that must be implemented and adhered to.

### PPE GUIDANCE

Personnel should follow Standard Precautions and Transmission based Precautions and should also:

- The universal use of a facemask for source control (patient) and family members is recommended.
- Wear eye protection in addition to their facemask to ensure the eyes, nose, and mouth are all protected from splashes and sprays of infectious material from others.
- Wear an N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirator, instead of a facemask, for Aerosol generating procedures.

## TREATMENT PROCEDURE DIRECTIVES

### All Responders

#### Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGP)

- EMS personnel should exercise caution if an AGP is necessary
  - An N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirators such as disposable filtering facepiece respirators, PAPR, or elastomeric respirator instead of a facemask, should be used by personnel present for or performing AGP.
  - Bag valve masks (BVMs), and other ventilatory equipment, should be equipped with HEPA filtration to filter expired air.
  - If possible, the rear doors of the transport vehicle should be opened, and the HVAC system should be activated during AGPs. This should be done away from pedestrian traffic.
  - If possible, discontinue AGPs before entering the destination facility or communicating with receiving personnel that AGPs are implementing.

#### Airway Procedures - APG

- Oral Tracheal Intubation will not be performed in any patient
  - ALS or Optional Scope EMTs may place an iGel or King Tube to secure the airway
- Nebulized treatments
  - The patient is suffering from a respiratory illness (i.e., fever, cough, acute SOB).
    - **MDI may be used if available**
    - Please bring patients prescribed MDI with them to the hospital
  - The patient presents with a history of asthma or COPD exacerbation and does not have respiratory infection symptoms
    - **The nebulized treatment is appropriate**
    - The treatment must be disconnect/discontinue before entering the ED.

Please do not hesitate to call the EMS/Medical Health Duty Officer (530-321-3620), available 24/7, with any questions or concerns that may arise, including while on a scene.

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