EMS
Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol

During a pandemic, all patients must be screened for the following. Screening shall occur from a safe distance of six (6) feet.

**Does the patient have s/s of Influenza Like Illness (ILI)?**

- Fever greater than 100.4 °F or subjective temperature if thermometer is not available.
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion
- Post-nasal drainage
- Shortness of breath
- s/s of gastrointestinal distress

**Follow standard ALS & BLS EMS treatment protocols.**

**DON PPE BEFORE INITIATING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT**

- N95 or surgical mask, gloves, gown and eye protection.
- Limit close contact to as few providers as possible. Other personnel should remain 6 feet away.
- Only providers wearing proper PPE should perform a close patient assessment.

*Close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time.

**Perform an Assessment**

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<th>Age &gt;65</th>
<th>Heart Rate &gt; 110</th>
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<td>Temperature &gt;100.4F</td>
<td>Systolic BP &lt; 100 mmHg</td>
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<td>Respirations &gt; 22</td>
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*Refer to BLS protocols for pediatric vital signs*

**Obtain Patient Medical History**

- Is the patient a diabetic?
- Is the patient pregnant?
- Does the patient have a cardiovascular or pulmonary disease?
- Is the patient immunocompromised (HIV, chemotherapy, etc.)?

**Follow standard BLS & ALS EMS treatment protocols.**

**Consult with medical control for any difficult or unclear situations.**

If indicated, transport patient in accordance with DOH BEMS Policy

**Does the patient have secondary or underlying medical conditions other than, or in addition to, ILI?**

- Ex. chest pain concerning for cardiac cause, CHF, etc.

This patient meets criteria for non-transport and/or treatment in place

Provide the patient with the NYS DOH COVID-19 Hotline number and the NYS DOH EMS COVID-19 Patient Information Handout. If the patient insists on transport, contact medical control for guidance.

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