

EMS COVID-19 Non-Transport Protocol

Purpose: To identify patients who can safely be managed for symptoms of COVID-19 without EMS transport to an ED.

Background: The ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic has the potential to severely stress local healthcare systems and deplete valuable resources. During this pandemic it is appropriate for EMS providers to assist in ensuring patients with respiratory complaints suggestive of COVID-19 infection receive appropriate guidance and education in an attempt to reserve higher levels of care for those most in need. EMS clinician practice should be based on the most up-to-date recommendations, including information from local health systems, public health authorities, and EMS medical direction.

Name: _____

Age: _____

BP

HR

RR

SpO2

AVPU

Brief Narrative:

Considerations for Informed Decision-Making:

- Perform a complete assessment/evaluation.
- Ensure patient has decision-making capacity.
- Patient can understand their condition in addition to risks, benefits, and alternatives of various treatment/evaluation options.
- EMS Provider should advocate for the patient utilizing education, counseling, and open discussion regarding options.

Patients at higher risk for COVID-19 complications:

- Age over 60 years (esp. over 80 years)
- Patients with co-morbidities
 - Diabetes
 - Heart Disease
 - Chronic Lung Disease
 - Dialysis Patients
 - Cancer Patients

- Patient has age-appropriate vital signs?
 - RR < 20 Y / N
 - SpO2 >94% Y / N
 - HR < 100 Y / N
 - SBP > 110 Y / N
 - Appropriate AVPU Y / N
- Patient under age 60? Y / N
- Patient has no co-morbidities? Y / N
- Patient has a support system? Y / N

If YES to all.

Questions?
Contact Medical
Control

- Provide COVID-19 Education
- Counsel patient on current IDPH testing strategy.
- Counsel on Physical Isolation
- Offer Non-Transport

Patient Elected Non Transport: (Please Check Box)

- Patient provided with local health department contact information and healthcare resources.
- Patient provided with instructions regarding when and how to seek additional care.

Patient Signature

Provider Signature

Date

*****Initiate transport if patient is insistent on being evaluated at an ED.*****