



# Medical Directive

Directive Number	<u>15-01</u>
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Subject	<u>Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool (EIDS Tool) for EBOLA UPDATED 01.07.15</u>
Update to Clinical Operating Guidelines v 02.12.14	

Credentialed System Responder	Information
Credentialed EMT	Information
Credentialed EMT-Intermediate	Information
Credentialed EMT-Paramedic	Information
Credentialed EMD	Action

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 07:00 ATCEMS Emergency Communications Division implemented the Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool (EIDS Tool) to collect information from patients experiencing flu like symptoms and travel to Ebola affected countries.

Currently all individuals returning from Ebola stricken countries are being tracked at point of entry and referred to local health departments for 21 day temperature monitoring. Those patients are being given specific instructions on how to access the healthcare system without engaging 911. As a result the Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool for tracking Ebola will be discontinued. Providers should remain attentive to the travel history of febrile patients. If there is a concerning travel history (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone) please retreat, don your PPE and advise communications as previously planned. Ebola Alerts **Medical Directive 14-11 for the Ebola PPE Alert is now rescinded.**

The Influenza Season is demonstrating to be quite invasive this year. Given the national impact in the amount of activity and the number of reported pediatric deaths, the **CDC has declared an Influenza Epidemic.** This Medical Directive is issued to increase attention to the potential for interaction with individuals who experience a more severe case of influenza, especially those at higher risk for influenza complications. ALL system providers are encouraged to don appropriate PPE (surgical mask for the patient, goggles, surgical mask and gloves for the provider) when patients present with ILI symptoms.

The Office of the Medical Director has updated the tab at the top on the OMD Web Page to address specific concerns related to Epidemic Influenza. On this tab, Providers should review the following resources:

- Is it Flu or Ebola?
- Clinical Procedure 56 – Respiratory Precautions
- The Difference Between Respirators and Surgical Masks
- Safety and Health Advisory: 2014/2015 Influenza Season

- Provider Health & Safety Alert: The Potential for Circulation of Drifted Influenza A (H3N2) Viruses, December 5, 2014
- Safety and Health Advisory: Respiratory Etiquette and Protection, February 5, 2013
- Provider Health & Safety Alert: Widespread Activity of Influenza Like Illnesses, December 18, 2013

Additional information will be posted as necessary.

Thanks for all you do. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

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