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

**NO**
Follow standard ALS & BLS EMS treatment protocols.

**YES**

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.*

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Perform an Assessment
- Age >65
- Temperature >100.4°F
- Respiration > 22
- SpO2 < 95%

Heart Rate > 110
Systolic BP < 100 mmHg
Altered mental status

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

**NO**
Consult with medical control for any difficult or unclear situations.

If indicated, transport patient in accordance with DOH BEMS Policy

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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.)?

**YES**

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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.

**YES**

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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