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Department of Public Health
Emergency Medical Services Agency

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To: San Francisco Event Promoters, Ambulance Providers, and Permitting Agencies

From: Dr. John Brown, San Francisco EMS Agency Medical Director

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Subject: **Policy 7010 Emergency Medical Services at Special Events – Temporary Administrative Update**

Due to the impacts from COVID-19, many special events are being deferred, modified, and/or canceled. As San Francisco re-opens for certain businesses and activities, special events may be part of this process at the discretion of the Health Officer, local government leaders, and permitting agencies. While the San Francisco EMS Agency (EMSA) does not permit special events, EMSA recognizes these important Public Health measures as part of an Event Medical Plan (in which many permitting agencies require in order to host an event). In the current state, Policy 7010 does not reflect the rapidly changing Health Officer orders or guidance.

Once large social gatherings are allowed within San Francisco, Event Medical Plans should reflect Public Health pandemic countermeasures based on current Health Officer orders and guidance. Some plans are submitted to EMSA months in advance, however event promoters should recognize Health Officer orders and guidance may change between submission of plan and day of event requirements. This includes, but not limited to:

- Social Distancing
- Face coverings
- Handwashing
- Attendee capacity restraints
- Larger spaces for first aid/treatment stations
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

For the most up-to-date information including Health Officer orders and guidance, please visit:

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

If you have any questions regarding medical plans, please contact David Ebarle at EMS Agency by calling 415-487-5014 or by emailing david.ebarle@sfdph.org.