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Emergency Medical Services Agency

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To: San Francisco EMS Providers
DEM Division of Emergency Communications
San Francisco Receiving Hospitals

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Subject: **EMS Personal Protective Equipment Standards for Specific Procedures or Treatments**

In an effort to minimize COVID-19 spread and responder exposure from 911 EMS calls, the San Francisco EMS Agency requires compliance by all providers with below PPE standard.

EMS staff must wear **gloves, N95 masks, eye shields and gowns** when performing the following procedures on all patients, not just suspected PUI for COVID-19:

- Nebulizer treatments
- Use of BVM
- Use of high-flow oxygen
- Intubation
- Use of CPAP

This PPE standard will remain in effect until further notice.