

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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**TO:** All EMS Providers and Firefighters in Suffolk County  
All Ambulance Services and Fire Departments in Suffolk County

**FROM:** Jason Winslow, MD *JW*  
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**DATE:** July 31, 2020

**RE: Pandemic Response to COVID-19 Update Regarding Use of PPE**

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The Regional Emergency Medical System (EMS) System Medical Director of the Suffolk County EMS Division, Jason Winslow, MD, would like to remind all EMS personnel, first responders, police and fire service personnel that COVID-19 is still an ongoing pandemic situation. I want to stress at this time that the continued use of PPE to protect our field providers is still required and recommended in accordance with CDC guidelines from the federal government, which is what New York State refers to. This was most recently updated July 15, 2020 and available to view on the CDC website under the Health Care Workers heading of the COVID-19 section of the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

Please consider all patient encounters at this time a potential exposure to COVID-19 and please wear your PPE to protect yourselves accordingly. The proper selection of and directions on how to don and doff PPE for Health Care Workers is also listed on the CDC website under the Infection Control heading, "using PPE" section.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

Your safety is our utmost concern at the Suffolk County EMS Division. Thank you for your continued vigilance in this pandemic response situation.



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