

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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TO: All EMT-Critical Cares and Paramedics in Suffolk County
All Suffolk County ALS Agencies

FROM: William Michael Masterton *WM*
Chief, Education and Training

DATE: July 30, 2020

RE: Protocol Updated – Standing Order Use of Nebulized Medications Reinstated for ALS Providers

The Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) has recently reinstated the standing order use of nebulized medications treatment protocols containing such, provided the medication is administered through an MDI (with or without spacer), BAN or other mist-limiting devices for all **Advanced Life Support (ALS) Providers-only, effective immediately**. ALS providers (EMT-Critical Care and Paramedic) standing-order privileges to assist / administer nebulized medication through (only) MDI, BAN, or other mist-limiting device, if available, for any patients who fall under a pre-existing treatment protocol where nebulized medication is a standing order. For all respiratory emergency treatment protocols, medication administration via standard nebulizer shall remain a Medical Control option only.

Please ensure that all ALS providers in your respective agencies have been in-serviced in the agencies BAN or other mist-limiting nebulizer devices prior to use.

Reminder: The use of distancing and proper PPE, including N95 respirator or surgical mask, gloves, gown and eye protection, is still recommended for any calls involving risk of airborne or droplet transmission, which is still a high potential for calls at this time. BLS Providers must still contact Medical Control for authorization for the use of nebulized medications.

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. |

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Suffolk County EMS Division at (631) 852-5080 or email William-Michael.Masterton@suffolkcountyny.gov.



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