

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Fire and EMS Agencies
From: Paul Marra, EMS Coordinator and Chief of Operations *PM*
Date: September 24, 2021
Subject: Personal Protective Equipment

The Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division would like to remind all EMS personnel that while providing patient care the donning of N-95 or ear loop masks and other essential personal protective equipment (PPE) such as eye protection and disposable gowns is still in effect. Per the New York State Department of Health, the patient compartment is considered a patient care area and thus proper PPE should be worn.

In addition, with current state guidance, providers should adhere to the current policy regarding the use of masks when arriving at hospitals. Please remind your membership, whether vaccinated or not, mask wearing when entering the hospital is required for providers and patients.

The latest information provided by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems (NYSDOH, BEMS&TS) is [Policy Statement 20-02 COVID-19 EMS Practitioner Guidance](#) which can also be found on the NYSDOH, BEMS&TS website. Thank you.



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