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

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

DATE: August 4, 2021

RE: Suffolk County Protocol Modification

The Suffolk Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC), along with the Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director, have adopted the following changes for the use of all nebulized medications, effectively immediately.

1. Effective immediately, the use of all nebulized medications has been reinstated as standing orders for both the BLS and ALS levels. The Suffolk REMAC has recently reinstated the standing order use of nebulized medications treatment protocols containing such, provided the medication is administered through a MDI (with or without spacer), a BAN or other mist-limiting device. All BLS providers (EMT-Basic) and ALS providers (EMT-Critical Care and Paramedic) standing-order privileges to assist / administer nebulized medication through a MDI, a BAN, or other mist-limiting device, is returned to standing orders. If mist limiting nebulizers are not available and treatment is indicated or any difficult or unclear situations, EMS Providers must contact Medical Control.
2. Reaffirmation that PPE (gloves, gowns, N95 respirator, and eye protection) **MUST** be donned prior to any procedure with potential for aerosolization. This includes nebulization, intubation procedures and CPAP, particularly when administering nebulized medications. Even when using the alternative devices and procedures to limit misting into the environment, use of full PPE, including N95 respirator, is required.
3. Providers are also reminded to place an ear-loop mask over any nasal cannula or non-rebreather mask being worn by a patient. Furthermore, all patients presenting to local area hospitals are required to have an ear-loop mask over their nose and mouth.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the Suffolk County EMS Division at (631) 852-5080 or email (william-michael.masterton@suffolkcountyny.gov). Thank you.



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