

CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: PROVIDER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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PURPOSE:

To ensure that all EMS providers are following current Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidelines.

POLICY:

CDHEMSS providers shall ensure a safe patient encounter by following current guidelines for PPE use.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Crews should follow all current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and or Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requirements for PPE use in the patient care setting.
- 2. At a minimum CDHEMSS providers shall wear gloves during patient encounters. The gloves shall not by removed, torn or otherwise degraded during patient care.
- 3. For respiratory patients, or aerosolizing events (Nebulizer treatments, intubation, i-gel placement) crews are encouraged to wear masks and eye protection.
- 4. Agencies may mandate the use of additional PPE, however, may not require less than State and Federal requirements.
- 5. Health care facilities and private businesses may have additional PPE requirements.

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