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Department of Public Health
Emergency Medical Services Agency

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To: San Francisco EMS Providers

From: John Brown MD, MHOAC & San Francisco EMS System Medical Director
Jim Duren, EMS Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Brown", positioned to the right of the "From:" line.

Subject: **Limited Use of Nebulizers and Other Aerosol-Generating Procedures in Triage Areas**

In accordance with current CDC guidance for healthcare workers, EMS providers shall avoid the use of nebulizers and other aerosol-generating procedures in triage areas.

These procedures can generate infectious aerosols, potentially exposing other healthcare workers and patients in the vicinity. Unless necessary in the treatment of an unstable patient, these procedures should be discontinued for all patients until placed in an isolated area.

This memo will remain in effect until further notice.