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To: San Francisco EMS Providers

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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.