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To: San Francisco EMS Providers
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Subject: EMS Personal Protective Equipment Standards for Specific Procedures or Treatments

In an effort to minimize COVID-19 spread and responder exposure from 911 EMS calls, the San Francisco EMS Agency requires compliance by all providers with below PPE standard.

EMS staff must wear gloves, N95 masks, eye shields and gowns when performing the following procedures on all patients, not just suspected PUI for COVID-19:
- Nebulizer treatments
- Use of BVM
- Use of high-flow oxygen
- Intubation
- Use of CPAP

This PPE standard will remain in effect until further notice.