

WVEMS emergency protocol: 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

### Imperatives

- This is a rapidly evolving situation. **Check for updates frequently.**
  - Use the **COVID EMS Response Guide** (continuously updated).
- The need for EMS services may overwhelm available resources.
  - Your agency may set a **Disposition Tier** to balance response.
  - Only your Chief and OMD can change your Disposition Tier.
- Avoid procedures that create droplets or those near the face.
  - Avoid direct laryngoscopy; consider BIAD or video assist.
  - Defer nebulizers, CPAP and BVM unless critically needed.

### Tiered Disposition

- **Always offer transport if there are any emergent concerns.**
- Tiered dispo may be used with **any protocol** (not just COVID).
- Tiered dispo is only appropriate for **Mild** or **Minor** complaints.
  - Vital signs should be unremarkable and stable (at least 2 sets).
  - Use the **Tiered Dispo Tool** in the **COVID EMS Response Guide**.
- **Level 1** - Standard Consent: Offer transport (or document refusal)
  - This should include a typical **recommendation for** transport.
- **Level 2** - Informed Refusal: May discuss risks vs. benefits
  - This may include a **recommendation against** transport.
- **Level 3** - Online Dismissal: May deny unnecessary transport
  - You must **Call Medical Control** for orders to deny transport.

<https://bit.ly/COVIDEMS> 

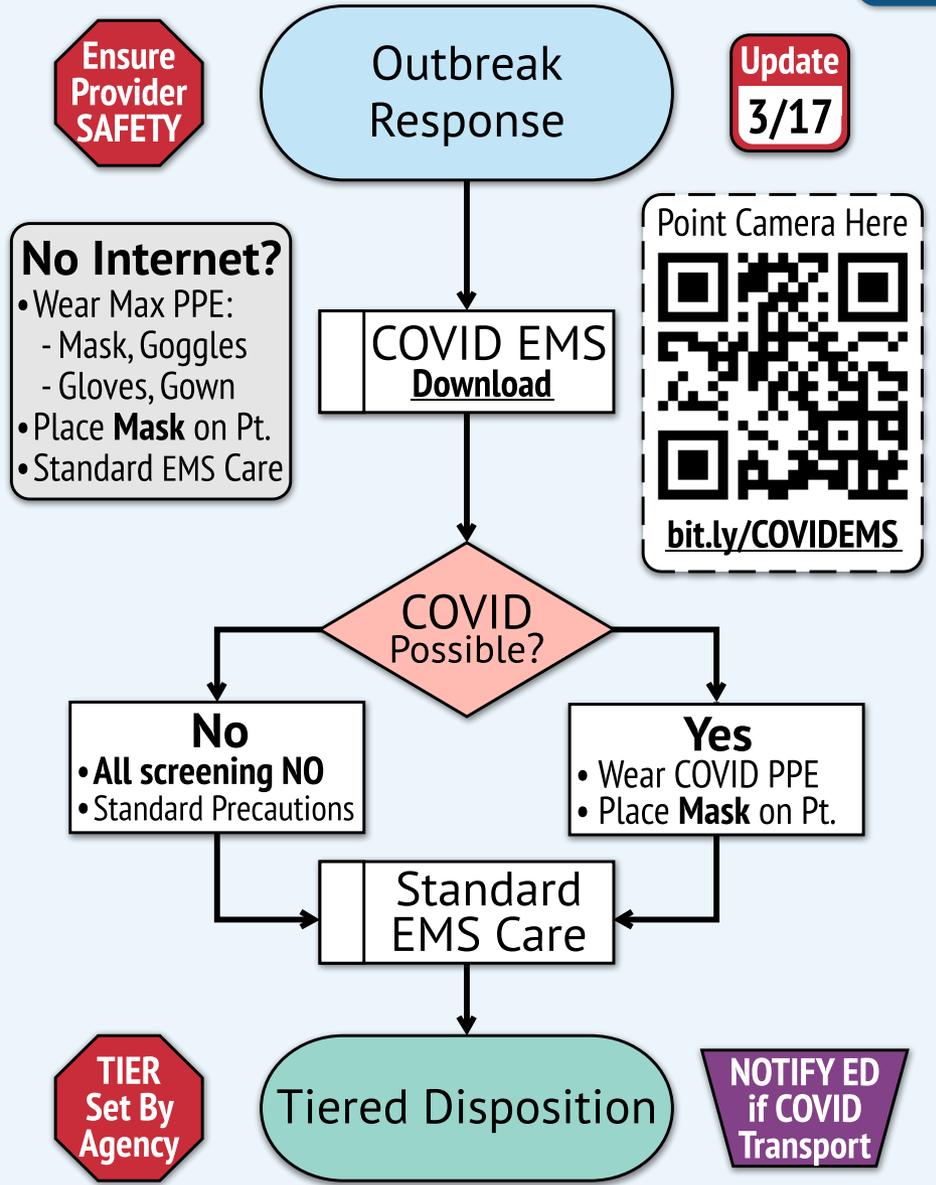
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### Pediatrics

- Peds are unlikely to suffer serious complications from COVID.

### References

- CDC COVID-19: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
- COVID EMS Response Guide: [bit.ly/COVIDEMS](https://bit.ly/COVIDEMS)
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<b>Tier 1</b> - Average Demand:	Standard Consent	<b>Dispo Tier</b>
<b>Tier 2</b> - Increased Demand:	Informed Refusal	
<b>Tier 3</b> - Sustained Demand:	Online Dismissal	