

*Genesee County Medical Control Authority*

System Protocols

PERSONAL PROTECTION DURING TREATMENT OF PATIENTS TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF AIRBORNE  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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***Personal Protection During Treatment of Patients to Limit the Spread of Airborne  
Infectious Diseases***

**Purpose:** To establish expectations of EMS personnel when providing patient care that could either expose the patient or personnel to airborne infectious diseases, focusing primarily on the use of masks.

1. When the use of masks by EMS personnel or patients is described in this protocol it is specific to surgical masks. N-95 masks are not required, but personnel or patients may wear them if they choose to do so.
2. EMS personnel are required to wear masks when the following circumstances exist:
  - a. Patient is experiencing any respiratory illness
  - b. Patient is immunocompromised
  - c. Patient is positive for COVID-19
  - d. At the request of the patient or patient's family
  - e. At the request of a sending or receiving facility
3. Patients should wear masks (if it can be tolerated) when the following circumstances exist:
  - a. Patient is experiencing any respiratory illness
  - b. Patient is positive for COVID-19
  - d. At the request of the patient or patient's family
  - e. At the request of a sending or receiving facility