

Tobacco Protocol

Tobacco use is one of the hardest habits to break. The pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system supports any programs that can make a difference in reducing patients and staff exposure to tobacco use. The goal is to have a healthy environment, free of primary and second-hand smoke and the remnants of other tobacco products. In an effort to achieve this type of environment in the EMS system this protocol will limit the use of tobacco products in designated “Tobacco Free Areas, Facilities, and Grounds.”

Tobacco Free Areas include:

- Ambulances,
- Pre-hospital care areas where EMS providers are involved in providing patient care,
- Hospital property
- Must be in compliance with current: “Genesee County Regulation to Prohibit Smoking in Enclosed Places” ordinance.

The term tobacco products includes electronic cigarettes and similar products. The use of any vaping products is also prohibited under the terms outlined in this protocol.