



# Hot Topics



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## COVID-19

### *Get Vaccinated – Mask Up*

COVID fatigue. It is real and understandable. But we need to push past it just a little while longer. As we see another surge in Michigan cases the diligence of the EMS community is critical. Make sure that you are wearing required PPE and that your patients are properly masked. Do your part in your non-working time as well to ensure you have not acquired the virus and are asymptomatic. If you have not already received your COVID-19 vaccination we strongly encourage you to do so. Let's all do our part to end this pandemic as quickly as possible.



## Pediatric Trainings Available

As we know, pediatric cases are low frequency and often high acuity. As such, the need for regular training is critical to stay prepared for those rare times you could encounter one of these situations. The state has developed a number of new educational opportunities through their online platform – MI Train. Here is a list of current programs that also offer CEs:

Out of hospital births and midwives - <https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1095174/>

DOSE – Infant Safe Sleep education - <https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1080336/>

Autism and Spectrum Disorders - tools for first responders – <https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1093699/>

Child abuse – recognition and reporting - <https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1092369/>

We would strongly encourage you to participate these trainings at your convenience.

### Scene Time – Limit/Document

Limiting scene time in a patient focused manner is a critical component of emergency responses. A typical goal is to have a twenty-minute turnaround from arrival to departure depending on scene conditions. This is especially true in Priority 1 transports.

There has been a recent change in protocol that will now require agencies to review run records of Priority 1 transports with scene times greater than twenty minutes. If you have a scene that is greater than twenty minutes for any Priority 1 transport a clear explanation as to the delay needs to be included in the run record narrative.

Keep in mind that this for Priority 1 transports only, not Tier 1 dispatches. As you know there are much fewer transports than dispatches.

### Mystery Picture Contest!!

If you can correctly identify the location of the picture to the right you could win a \$10 gift card. Hint: It is somewhere in Genesee County. Be the first person to contact us with the correct answer and you will win. Either call us at 810-262-2555 or email to [btrevithick@gcmedcontrol.org](mailto:btrevithick@gcmedcontrol.org).

