

MFR Situation Update April – May 2022

Pandemic Activity

- **COVID-19 precautions & PPE requirements during patient care remain in place**
- **Continuous masking and eye protection is required when within two metres of all patients and other responders**
- Patient Care Environments, including emergency events in the community and in the ambulance, pose higher risks than Public Health Environments
- Conduct a point of care risk assessment and use additional precautions (N95 respirator, droplet and contact precautions) when indicated
- The use of 'Protocol 36 – Pandemic' was **discontinued** by EMS Dispatch on Apr 4th
- Emerging Infectious Disease Screening (EIDS) questions **remain in use** by EMS Dispatch
- Certain models of [N95 respirators remain available for purchase through AHS](#) if desired

Medical Control Protocol (MCP) Resources

- The [MCP app](#) now mirrors the recently updated content and layout of the [MFR Portal](#) for consistency across platforms
- EMS is adding several new clinical skills for Primary Care Paramedics in the ground ambulance environment, including additional medications and Intraosseous (IO). As these skills are new to EMS, at this time they are not included for MFRs practicing at the PCP-level. Please refer to the MFR MCPs for clinical skills and medications indicated in the MFR environment.

Online Learning

Learning modules recently added or updated:

1. Traumatic Hemorrhage Control Protocol *new*
2. Excited Delirium Syndrome *updated*

EMS Educational Rounds

Join us for the next EMS Educational Rounds on Zoom, Apr 29th, 1100-1230h. The topic will be pediatric cardiac arrest, presented by two of Canada's leading clinician-researchers and paramedic colleagues. [More details here.](#)

Canadian Paramedicine Research Day

MFRs are welcome to attend the virtual Canadian Paramedicine Research Day on May 26th. For EMR, PCP and ACP responders, this free event is approved for 24 Continuing Education credits by the College of Paramedics. [Click here to register.](#)



Leader Notes: Response Plan Status

- As pandemic conditions evolve, many MFR agencies have chosen to resume their regular, pre-COVID-19 response plan for medical events
- Some agency response plans are still in a scaled-back status, with MFRs activated only for life-threatening events ('D/E'). This pandemic scale-back is not indicated on the MFR portal when viewing your regular plan.
- Agency Coordinators that wish to resume their regular plan for MFR activity, are not sure of your agency's current status, or have any other questions can connect with the MFR Program at MFR@ahs.ca