



Viral Syndrome Pandemic Triage Protocol



EFFECTIVE March 17, 2020 until rescinded or superceded

For Use By BLS and ALS Clinicians

YES

NO

Patient age is between 2 and 55 years

Patient has a suspected viral syndrome with at least two (2) of the following symptoms: fever, cough, body aches, or sore throat

Patient has a history of immunosuppression, or is taking medicines that depress the immune system (cancer undergoing chemotherapy, transplant patient, HIV, etc.)

Patient has a history of diabetes

Patient has a history of heart disease

Patient has a history of COPD or lung disease

Patient has a heart rate between : 50 - 110 bpm (age 13-55 years);
(age 2-5 years: 80-140 bpm; age 6-12 years: 70-120 bpm)

Patient has a systolic blood pressure between: 110-180 mmHg (age 13-55 years);
(age 2-5 years: > 80mmHg; age 6-12 years: > 90mmHg)

Oxygen saturation (SpO2) greater than or equal to 94%

Clear lung sounds

Respiratory rate between 12 - 22 breaths per minute, and the patient does not complain of shortness of breath

Patient is able to ambulate without difficulty

Patient is agreeable to home self-care

ANY CHECKS in a **shaded box** indicate that patient transport should be encouraged.

If **ALL** CHECKS are in non-shaded boxes, patient may provide self-care at home.
Refer to no-transport instructions for patients.

Any patient may be transported at the EMS Clinician's discretion.

This emergency protocol was issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, after approval by the Executive Director and Chairman of the State Emergency Medical Services Board, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Education Article Section 13-516(d)(1) and COMAR 30.03.05.02(l) and a catastrophic health emergency proclamation.