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To: All Maryland EMS Clinicians

From: Timothy Chizmar, MD, FACEP
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RE: **Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS – 2020 Update**

The *Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS* 2020 updates are now available in the MIEMSS Online Training Center and on the Maryland EMS YouTube channel (links below). Due to COVID-19, the changes in the protocols for this year will go into effect on **August 1, 2020**.

I am thankful for the continued efforts of the protocol review committee in keeping our statewide protocol reflective of the latest scientific evidence. In addition, we have reduced the size of the protocol by approximately one hundred pages this year, and we will continue in our efforts to make the protocol even more succinct and easier to use in the year ahead.

With the various changes this year, there are separate versions of the training for ALS and BLS clinicians. It is imperative that the clinician complete the update version that aligns with their level of licensure: EMRs and EMTs should complete the BLS Version, CRTs and PMs should complete the ALS Version.

Due to group-size restrictions mandated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in an attempt to ensure that all EMS clinicians receive appropriate and timely credit for completing the update, I strongly encourage all clinicians to view and complete the update online. If an EMSOP or educational program would like to offer the update in a “company drill format,” the video content can be projected from the Online Training Center, or from the MIEMSS YouTube channel, for group viewing and discussion.

Regardless of how each clinician views the video content portion of this year's update (Online Training Center, YouTube, company drill format), every clinician must log in to the MIEMSS Online Training Center and complete the quiz portion of the EMS Update in order to obtain credit for the required course. Please remember to complete your update before August 1, 2020.

Finally, I would like express my gratitude for your continued dedication in caring for our patients throughout the COVID pandemic. I would urge everyone to remain vigilant and use appropriate PPE on calls and wear a face mask (or cloth mask) while in your stations. The health of our EMS professionals is of paramount importance, and wearing a mask in public and semi-public places can reduce early and asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19.

EMS Online Training Center: www.emsonlinetraining.org

Maryland EMS YouTube Channel:

BLS: <https://youtu.be/GR6iKy2fFTw>

ALS: <https://youtu.be/3wQ2Ppwn8IA>