



Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems eMEDS® Release Notes Thursday, March 19, 2020

See the following changes related to eMEDS® made effective immediately. All of these changes have been made in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, and the release of the emergency protocol entitled, “Viral Syndrome Pandemic Triage Protocol”.

1) New Panel: On Scene Screening?

- The emergency protocol entitled “Viral Syndrome Pandemic Triage Protocol” check list, has been implemented in eMEDS.
- This panel will only be visible to those jurisdictions that have made the proper notification to the Office of the Medical Director that they will be implementing this protocol.
- By default, the question of, “Viral Syndrome Pandemic Triage Protocol Used?” is answered as “No”. After selecting “Yes” the check list questions will appear.
- As soon as a “shaded box” is selected, the clinician will not be asked any additional checklist questions and the only available answer for the final question of “Did the patient qualify to remain at home” will be “No”.
- Patient phone number added for ease of entry if patient does remain at home for future follow up.

Viral Syndrome Pandemic Triage Protocol
EFFECTIVE March 17, 2020 until rescinded or superseded
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 13-534(d)(1) and COMAR 20.02.05.02(i) and a catastrophic health emergency proclamation.

2) New Question: PPE Used

- The ability to document Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been added to the PUI Panel.