

## Extra Attention for Pediatrics and RSV

This flu season is already starting with much higher than normal Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases. All agencies should be looking at their pediatric equipment and protocols in preparation for these cases. RSV is most dangerous for children under age one, which is also the patient population EMS has the least interaction with during normal operations. We are very fortunate to have a Pediatric Critical Care Center in our service area at HSHS St. John's Hospital. As a reminder, patient/family choice is always our first indicator of patient destination among hospitals capable of caring for the patient. EMS should never transport a patient to a hospital that is farther away than a closer hospital with any patient who is unstable, especially not a pediatric respiratory case. If you are in a situation, where you are equidistant from two hospitals and need help determining the best destination, please reach out to Medical Control for assistance. Local Medical Control is available at every Memorial Health Emergency Department. Such conversations should be MICU calls, not a Twiige communication. If unsure, you can also contact Springfield Memorial Medical Control for additional assistance.

## Reminder on PPE

IDPH has removed the specific requirements for PPE to align with the CDC requirements, which includes continues to wear a surgical mask at all times while performing any patient care. If an aerosolizing procedure is being performed, then an N-95 is required; no aerosolizing procedure is to be performed while moving patients into the hospital or other facility hallways. The patient should still be wearing a surgical mask, unless their condition (respiratory distress/difficulty) prevents it.

## Midwest EMSC Pediatric Symposium

Please share the attached flyer with your EMS providers regarding the *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midwest EMSC Symposium*. This is a **free virtual session** for prehospital providers from 2 – 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. The registration link is listed in the attached flyer and can be accessed by scanning the QR code. A site code for 4.5 hours is being applied for continuing education hours.



## Fall Protocol Updates

Fall protocol updates go into effect Nov. 7, 2022. A brief update education CBL is assigned to all MEMS providers in HealthStream.

## MEMS Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for November is Mass Casualty Incidents. The dates and times are Friday, Nov. 11, 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7 – 8 p.m. Sign-up is on [HealthStream](#).

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