

Influenza-A

Influenza cases have been on the rise in most central Illinois communities. As EMS providers, we either have been or probably will be exposed to these patients through our routine EMS duties. Mainly droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk spread influenza. These droplets can land in the mouth, nose or lungs through inhalation. It can be transmitted by contact with surfaces containing these particles, which are then received by touching your mouth, eyes or nose. The flu is different from a cold in that it usually comes on suddenly and **can last for weeks**. The same PPE precautions and disinfection procedures we have been taking for COVID-19 work for influenza. Please be highly suspicious while protecting yourself and others.

Product Discontinuation Notice

Stryker has announced the end of support for many Lifepak 12 monitor/defibrillator, Lifepak 20 monitor/defibrillator, Lifepak500 defibrillator and HeartSine Samaritan Pad 300 and 500. More information can be found at <https://www.stryker.com/us/en/emergency-care/product-notices/end-of-life-notice.html>

Agency Training Requests

To comply with the 60-day notification IDPH requirement for training requests, we ask that all 2023 continuing education requests be submitted in October. We have only received about 50% of them. Those agencies wishing to do training in 2023 must submit them ASAP. The IDPH EMS System Training Program Request and the Continuing Education Request (System Schedule) Form can be found [here](#) under "Forms". For 2023, Memorial EMS will be requiring four trainings, provided by Memorial EMS. Two of those trainings can be completed remotely and two of those trainings will be in person trainings.

MEMS Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for December is Stroke Recognition and Treatment. The dates and times are Friday, Dec. 9, 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 27, 7 – 9 p.m. Sign-up is on [Healthstream](#).

ADRD Training for EMS- Public Act 102-0772

The Illinois General Assembly has passed [this act](#) requiring all EMS license levels to have 1 hour of CE on the Dx, treatment and care of individuals with Alzheimers Disease or other dementias per license renewal period (beginning Jan 23'). More specifics to follow in the future.

Student Status Reminder

While enrolled in an EMT course, those providers qualify as students and have the expanded scope of practice for the course with which they are enrolled. At the conclusion of the course, the student returns to their licensed scope of practice until they are licensed and protocol tested.