

**TEMPORARY PANDEMIC RESPONSE PROTOCOL
DESTINATION PROTOCOL
Iowa County
Emergency Medical Services**

PURPOSE

It is expected that the number of community COVID-19 cases will continue to increase, and with the increase, there is a possibility that our EMS System could be overwhelmed with an increase in call volumes. In an effort to manage high call volumes this protocol will guide ambulance transportation destination decisions.

DURATION

This protocol shall remain in place until the Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration has been lifted, or otherwise suspended by the service medical director.

PROCESS

The following criteria shall be used for determining destination of **ALL** patient(s), not just COVID-19.

- Trauma: Follow Iowa OOHTTDD protocol.
- STEMI: Closest appropriate facility capable of Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention.
- CVA/Stroke: Closest appropriate Primary Stroke Center.
- All other patients: Closest appropriate hospital as determined by the EMT/Paramedic based on the patients history, condition, signs, and symptoms.
 - Note: The closest appropriate facility may vary based on bed availability. It may become necessary to call ahead before transport.
- Transfers: Follow transferring physician's order.
- Long Distant Transfers (over 60 miles): must have EMS Director or next in charge approval.

Approved by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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