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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: 30 March 2020
TO: Department of EMS Personnel
FROM: Joseph L. Hundley 
SUBJECT: Updated PPE Guidance

There has been much discussion on social distancing both on and off duty. After several discussions and evaluating the CDC guidance, we have determined that we should take a slightly different approach to make sure you are as safe as you can possibly be while on duty. Effective immediately, personnel who cannot maintain an acceptable distance (six feet) from each other while on duty (i.e. smaller day rooms, berthing areas, etc.) should always wear a surgical mask.

Additionally, whenever you are inside the ambulance or zone medic vehicle with another person, all providers will wear a surgical mask at a minimum, unless a respirator is required for the call.

Please direct any questions regarding PPE use to the EMS Supervisor, Brigade Chief Corley, Division Chief Lewis or myself.