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TO: All EMS providers and Hospitals

FROM: Gagandeep S. Grewal, MD—Associate Medical Director OCEMS

RE: EMS Provider Staff Screening

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 among co-workers/colleagues and the patients they serve, many agencies and facilities are doing screening of their workers on arrival to their shifts and occasionally again during longer shifts. This screening typically consists of a temperature check as well as symptom screening, with febrile and/or symptomatic staff sent home. OCEMS supports this action and advises that all providers and facilities initiate similar measures. This will give confidence that providers entering a facility have been pre-screened and that care may be delivered in a safe, timely manner.

However, it does not waive requirements that the healthcare facilities may have for screening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Gagandeep S. Grewal'.

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