COVID19 EMS Initiated Refusal To Transport Protocol

Alternate Protocol for Determination of Need for Transport in Response to COVID19

This protocol is only to be implemented at such a time that the demand for ambulance transport has exceeded the capacity to transport every patient. Additionally, dispatch and communications specialists should also consider implementing enhanced screening questions and alternate dispatching algorithms when their ability to dispatch ambulances have been exceeded. Requires medical director approval.

**YES | NO**

- √ Patient age is between 2 and 55 years
- √ Patient has a suspected viral syndrome with at least two (2) of the following symptoms: fever, cough, body aches, or sore throat
- √ Patient has a history of immunosuppression, or is taking medicines that depress the immune system (cancer undergoing chemotherapy, transplant patient, HIV, etc.)
- √ Patient has a history of diabetes
- √ Patient has a history of heart disease
- √ Patient has a history of COPD or lung disease

- √ Patient has a heart rate between: 50 - 110 bpm (age 13-55 years); (age 2-5 years: 80-140 bpm; age 6-12 years: 70-120 bpm)
- √ Patient has a systolic blood pressure between: 110-180 mmHg (age 13-55 years); (age 2-5 years: > 80mmHg; age 6-12 years: > 90mmHg)
- √ Oxygen saturation (SpO2) greater than or equal to 94%
- √ Clear lung sounds
- √ Respiratory rate between 12 - 22 breaths per minute, and the patient does not complain of shortness of breath
- √ Patient is able to ambulate without difficulty
- √ Patient is agreeable to home self-care

*ANY CHECKS in a shaded box indicate that patient transport should be encouraged.*

*If ALL CHECKS are in non-shaded boxes, patient may provide self-care at home.*

*Any patient may be transported at the EMS Clinician's discretion.*