



COVID-19 Clinical EMS Rounds

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- Established 1894
- Hospital-based, 3rd service model
- 2-Tiered EMS system, 85,000 runs annually
- 266 square mile PSA, 1.2 million citizens
- 6 EMS Physicians and 1 EMS Fellow
- 5-person Community Paramedic Division



EMS Physicians

- 24/7 schedule for availability in **Green/Yellow/Red** operations modes
- **Green**: Physicians in field for transport decisions and PPE monitoring
- **Yellow**: Physicians pulled into dispatch triage during peak hours
- **Red**: Physicians pulled into dispatch triage 24/7



Community Paramedic Division

- Utilizing home and skilled nursing facility visits for pandemic testing
- Filling the gap left through clinic and community nursing restrictions
- Saving ambulance resources
- State reimbursement is a plus



Partner Agency Communication

- Weekly conference call update
- Ensures response coordination and similar PPE postures
- Encourages resource conservation and protection
- Establishes confidence in leadership through uniformity
- Leads to consistent community information
- High yield 20 minutes per week



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