

# EMS Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol

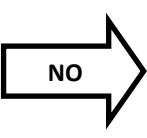


**During a pandemic, all patients must be screened for the following. Screening shall occur from a safe distance of six (6) feet.**



**Does the patient have s/s of Influenza Like Illness (ILI)?**

Fever greater than 100.4 °F or subjective temperature if thermometer is not available.	
Sore throat	Wheezing
Nasal congestion	Cough
Post-nasal drainage	Headache
Shortness of breath	Fatigue
s/s of gastrointestinal distress	



**Follow standard ALS & BLS EMS treatment protocols.**



**DON PPE BEFORE INITIATING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT**

- N95 or surgical mask, gloves, gown and eye protection.
- Limit close contact to as few providers as possible. Other personnel should remain 6 feet away.
- Only providers wearing proper PPE should perform a close patient assessment.

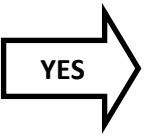
\*Close contact means being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time.



**Perform an Assessment**

Age >65	Heart Rate > 110
Temperature >100.4F	Systolic BP < 100 mmHg
Respirations > 22	Altered mental status
SpO2 < 95%	

\* Refer to BLS protocols for pediatric vital signs

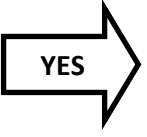


**Follow standard BLS & ALS EMS treatment protocols.**



**Obtain Patient Medical History**

Is the patient a diabetic?  
 Is the patient pregnant?  
 Does the patient have a cardiovascular or pulmonary disease?  
 Is the patient immunocompromised (HIV, chemotherapy, etc.)?

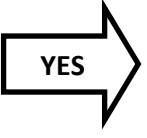


**Consult with medical control for any difficult or unclear situations.**

**If indicated, transport patient in accordance with DOH BEMS Policy**



**Does the patient have secondary or underlying medical conditions other than, or in addition to, ILI?**  
 Ex. chest pain concerning for cardiac cause, CHF, etc.



**This patient meets criteria for non-transport and/or treatment in place**

Provide the patient with the NYS DOH COVID-19 Hotline number and the NYS DOH EMS COVID-19 Patient Information Handout. If the patient insists on transport, contact medical control for guidance.