During a pandemic, all patients must be screened for the following:

**DON APPROPRIATE PPE BEFORE INITIATING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT**
- 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.

**Does the patient have any s/s of Influenza Like Illness (ILI)?**
- Fever greater than 100.4 °F or subjective temperature if thermometer is not available.
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion
- Post-nasal drainage
- Shortness of breath
- s/s of gastrointestinal distress

**Patient assessment reveals any of the following?**
- Age >65
- Respiration > 22
- SpO2 < 95%
- Heart Rate > 110
- Systolic BP < 100 mmHg
- Altered mental status

* For patients < 15 y.o. refer to BLS protocols for pediatric vital signs

**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.)?

**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.

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

Consult with medical control for any difficult or unclear situations.

If indicated, transport patient in accordance with DOH BEMS Policy

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 patient information packet.

If the patient insists on transport, contact Medical Control per regional guidance.