



Provider Health and Safety Advisory Implementation of Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) Screening Tool

As the community continues to deal with the presence of the various strains of the Influenza Virus, it is important that all providers within the Austin Travis County EMS System operate with the most current information. As with any emerging disease process, there will be changes and modifications to guidelines and actions as more information regarding the disease becomes available. Providers should remain alert to the potential of additional updates and changes in the future.

To ensure a consistent approach is taken by all providers that may encounter patients that are presenting with Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) the Office of the Medical Director is authorizing EMS Communications to implement the **MPDS ILI Screening tool effective 0700 Wednesday, February 7, 2018**. This screening tool is designed to determine if the patient may have ILI and to alert responders that they should follow appropriate PPE precautions as outlined in the January 2018 Respiratory PPE Memo (included with this memo for your convenience) when caring for these patients.

A few reminders also to consider when encountering patients presenting with ILI in addition to Respiratory PPE:

- Practice consistent hand hygiene (hand sanitizer and follow up with soap and water as soon as feasible)
- Appropriately Don and Doff Personal Protective Equipment to minimize cross contamination
- Appropriate equipment cleaning and disinfection to prevent spread to your patients and colleagues