



EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2021-6/29

TO: Riverside County EMS System

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 PPE Procedures

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, REMSA is constantly monitoring the clinical care recommendations for field providers set forth by both the Federal and State governments. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the California Department of Public Health, continue to recommend adherence to the use of standard PPE (gloves, fluid resistant or impermeable gown and eye protection) as well as the use of a NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirator (or facemask if a respirator is not available) when coming in contact with all patients that are suspected or confirmed to be COVID-19 positive.

As a reminder, the use of standard PPE as well as the use of a NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirator (or facemask if a respirator is not available) was codified in REMSA Policy #3307A (Emerging Viruses: 2019 novel Coronavirus - <http://www.remsa.us/policy/3307a.pdf#Pagemode=Bookmarks>) at the onset of the pandemic and their continued use is still required.

