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To: All SwedishAmerican EMS agencies

Re: EMS Provider Screening

From: Dr. John Underwood, EMSMD

Richard Robinson, EMS Coordinator

Illinois Department of Public Health has asked that healthcare workers be screened for COVID-19. This screening will consist of three questions to be answered at the start of each shift and tracking of your personnel's temperature twice a day. A log has been attached to this memo. These logs should be retained by the agency.

Any provider that answers yes to any of the three questions or has a temperature above 100.4 degrees F will need to be removed from duty and sent home on self-quarantine for 14 day. They should contact their Health Care Provider for follow-up. If their Health Care Provider releases them for duty before the 14 day self-quarantine is over, this must also be approved by Dr. Underwood.

For volunteer / agencies that do not have crews in-house, the agency needs to have a system in place to address these items.

The screening questions are:

- Do you have common symptoms of COVID-19: cough (new or worsening) sore throat, shortness of breath or a temperature above 100.4 degrees F?
- Have you taken any fever-reducing medication within the last 24 hours for a fever?
- Since you last worked, has someone in your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?

We understand that this may place additional stress on your department however sick provider cannot be caring or transporting patients. These steps can help to identify potential cases early and keep your agency healthy.