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To: All EMS Providers

Subject: COVID-19 Regional Response Plan

Purpose: Directive

Effective immediately, all patients are not be counseled or recommended to proceed with non-transport.

- Patients with symptoms should be either transported for evaluation or if they refuse transport, they should be encouraged to receive testing at a local testing site.
 - Testing locations can be identified by calling 2-1-1
- **Patients should not be encouraged to refuse transport**

Effective Tuesday May 5th at 0800 the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan (ARV Units only) will be stood down across Milwaukee County. This is due to a variety of circumstances including:

- Lack of anticipated surge in light of effective social distancing
- Low volumes of low acuity COVID-19 related EMS encounters
- Low volumes in health care systems not resulting in capacity concerns
- A change in local testing capacity leading to encouragement of those with symptoms to receive a COVID-19 test

The COVID-19 Regional Response Plan may be re-enacted and re-messaged should circumstances, such as a surge in COVID-19 cases, result in need across the system.

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The above information is reviewed and compiled by the MCW Division of EMS Medicine.

