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Date: 01/24/2022

From: Ben Weston, MD, MPH, Medical Director

To: All EMS Providers, Milwaukee County Health Systems

Subject: End to COVID-19 Dynamic Triage Plan

Purpose: Directive

Situation

• The Milwaukee County EMS System will be standing down the COVID-19 Dynamic Triage Plan.

Background

On 11/05/2020, Numbered Notice 20-06 was released with subject "COVID-19 Dynamic Triage Plan."
 The intent of this notice was to provide an avenue for hospitals that had reached a certain predefined level of ICU occupancy (Phase 3) during the pandemic to divert patients with anticipated ICU needs.

Assessment

This policy has not proven to be a necessary addition to our EMS policies and practices. Returning to
our established diversion policy will best serve the system and the patients to whom we provide care
in the future.

Recommendation

- The Milwaukee County COVID-19 Dynamic Triage Plan will be stood down effective immediately.
- Please refer to the <u>Hospital Destination and Transport Operational Policy</u> for details on diversion practices within Milwaukee County including the utilization of EMSCOM and EMResource.

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





NN22-01 rescinds previously published NN20-06 (11/05/2020)