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Jefferson Valley EMS and Rescue,

The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. As EMS Medical Direction I am implementing a Local Pandemic Protocol effective immediately. Given the current environment, EMS will not be required to fulfill the traditional role that if someone calls 911 requesting an ambulance they be automatically transported to the hospital. Instead the concept of "treat and release" will be implemented. Any patient with suspected COVID-19 or influenza-like illness **that does not have hypoxia, respiratory distress** or past medical history of *lung* or *cardiac disease* may not need to be transported via Ambulance. Individuals with suspected COVID-19 who are otherwise stable should contact their primary care provider or call the Public Health Department (Jefferson County 461-1196 or Butte Silver Bow County 497-1130). If there is concern from a patient about not being transported, the crew should contact medical control. It is recommended that crews have copies of the attached document published by the CDC to provide to patients that are not transported by Ambulance. This situation is dynamic and will be continually monitored.

This local JVEMSR COVID-19 Pandemic Protocol is in the spirit of the concept of the Montana Prehospital Treatment Protocol - Influenza Pandemic Protocol.

Montana Board of Medical Examiners: Montana Prehospital Treatment Protocols

Current Revision# 11 on 03/2019

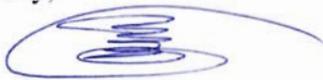
INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

General Comment:

In the event that there is a public health or safety emergency in which health care resources are overwhelmed by demand, the EMT response will have to adapt to the severity of the situation and the available resources. This Influenza Pandemic protocol is to be used as a guide in the development of a local plan (based on the severity of the situation and the available resources) remembering that the local situation will change frequently, perhaps daily or hourly. This protocol is assuming that an Influenza Pandemic has overwhelmed the medical community and normal EMT operating procedures are not feasible or practical. The Montana Board of Medical Examiners recognizes that an organized "treat and release protocol" would not only be advantageous but necessary to maintain control and order to providing medical assistance in the community.

Please feel free to contact me via email at pnyram@live.com or my cell phone at 406-498-6125.

Sincerely,



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