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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ebola Preparedness for Emergency Medical Services Webinar

Wednesday, October 22nd, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Eastern)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will discuss the previously developed and distributed Emergency Medical Services Checklist for Ebola Preparedness, which highlights activities that EMS agencies and systems should consider to prepare for managing patients with Ebola and other infectious diseases. This checklist is intended to enhance collective preparedness and response by highlighting key areas for EMS agencies to review in preparation for a person under investigation (PUI) for Ebola. The checklist provides practical and specific suggestions to ensure agencies are able to detect possible Ebola cases, protect employees, and respond appropriately.

Staff from the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) will discuss the Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and field questions. FICEMS includes agency representatives from the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, Federal Communications Commission, and an appointed State EMS Director.

You can access this webinar via the following call-in and URL information:

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In addition, **CDC has released the most up-to-date** ["Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment To Be Used by Healthcare Workers During Management of Patients with Ebola Virus Disease in U.S. Hospitals, Including Procedures for Putting On \(Donning\) and Removing \(Doffing\)."](#) This guidance reflects lessons learned from the recent experiences of U.S. hospitals caring for Ebola patients and emphasizes the importance of training, practice, competence, and observation of healthcare workers in correct donning and doffing of personal protective equipment selected by the facility.