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To: Ohio EMS providers, EMS agencies, and EMS medical directors

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**RE: Message of Appreciation from the Governor's Office**

On behalf of Governor Mike DeWine, the Governor's Office has requested us to convey his deep appreciation and gratitude for the incredible work of Ohio EMS during the COVID-19 pandemic response. As we have previously stated, EMS is an invaluable sector of our healthcare system and a critical resource to our communities.

As an essential asset to Ohio's response team, Governor DeWine is highlighting the importance of the following to all Ohio EMS providers, EMS agencies, and EMS medical directors:

- Take care of yourself and protect yourself
- Engage in all recommended infection control practices at all times
- If ill, immediately initiate self-isolation to protect others

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS joins Governor DeWine in thanks for your dedicated service to Ohio EMS and to the residents and visitors of Ohio.

**Mission Statement**

*"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."*