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New COVID-19 Resources Address Crisis Standards of Care, Burnout and Self-Care, and Other Topics

Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force EMS/Pre-Hospital Team Releases Several New Documents to Help State and Local First Responders

A new document developed specifically to support EMS systems planning for or implementing crisis standards of care during the COVID-19 pandemic is now available on EMS.gov. Other new resources address burnout and self-care for first responders and their families, behavioral health resources, COVID-19 epidemiology basics, and disinfection of structural firefighting PPE.

These resources along with dozens of others are available on the COVID-19 page on EMS.gov. The page will continue to be updated frequently throughout the response to COVID-19. The page includes links to the most relevant guidance for EMS and other first responders from the US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal agencies, as well as sample protocols and policies from state and local organizations.

The documents added this week include several developed by the Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force EMS/Pre-hospital Team, which is comprised of public and private-sector EMS and 911 experts from a wide variety of Federal agencies and non-Federal partners and focuses on responding to the needs of the pre-hospital community. Through collaboration with experts in related fields, the team develops practical resources for field clinicians, supervisors, administrators, medical directors and associations to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resources released by the Federal Healthcare Resilience Task Force EMS/Pre-hospital Team include:

[COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies and Resources for EMS Crisis Standards of Care](#)

[Burnout, Self-care and COVID-19 Exposure for First Responders](#)

[Burnout, Self care and COVID-19 Exposure for Families of First Responders](#)

[Epidemiology for COVID-19 EMS Providers: What You Need to Know](#)

[COVID-19 Disinfection of Structural Firefighting PPE](#)

[COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources for First Responders](#)

[PPE Supply for EMS](#)

[Managing Patient and Family Distress Associated with COVID-19](#)

[Mitigating Absenteeism by Protecting EMS Clinician's Psychological Health and Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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