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To: All Monterey County EMS System Participants

From: Monterey County EMS Agency, Monterey County EMS Agency Medical Director,

Regarding: EIDS Tool Questions Modifications

This memo serves as an update to the current Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance (EIDS) tool questions, which were last authorized on March 22, 2020, and being utilized at EMS Communications. Effective immediately, the following changes to the EIDS tool will take place:

- Remove all questions related to travel (question #1)
- Continue to use the following questions:
  - Have you or anyone you live with been exposed to someone with flu-like symptoms in the last 30 days?
  - Now tell me if he/she has any of the following symptoms:
    - Fever
    - Chills
    - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
    - Persistent cough
    - Any other new respiratory problems? (persistent cough, sneezing, congestions etc)
- Emergency Medical Dispatchers may also use the following phrase during PDI instructions when appropriate or if asked to by responders:
  - “If it is safe to do so, please meet responders with the patient at the front door or nearest exit to lessen possible exposure to others”

As a reminder, these questions are being asked on all medical calls. If you have any questions, please contact the EMS Duty Officer.

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