



# MEDICAL CONTROL DIRECTIVE

## 2024-03

**DATE:** January 5, 2024

**TO:** Pinellas County EMS Agencies  
Pinellas County Emergency Communications  
Pinellas County Certified EMTs and Paramedics  
Pinellas County Certified Advanced Practice Paramedics, Nurses  
Pinellas County Online Medical Control Physicians  
Pinellas County Ambulance Billing and Financial Services  
ED Nurse Managers

**FROM:** Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director

**RE:** INFLUENZA - EIDS UPDATE

**Effective Date no later than 0800 hrs. January 8, 2024**

### Emergency Medical Dispatchers:

- Effective no later than January 8, 2024, at 0800 hrs., call takers performing EMD in Pinellas County will utilize the Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool (EIDS) on all non-traumatic call types.
- EIDS will be initiated after completing final coding and giving Post-Dispatch Instructions (PDIs).
- The initial question will be: "Do you or anyone else there with you have any flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, or sore throat?" in accordance with Regional 911 SOP Section 3.1.
- Travel questions are not required at this time.
- Positive responses will be recorded using the checklist in the EIDS tool page in the Pro-QA software.
- Two (2) or more symptoms/positive responses will be considered a positive screening and will cause call takers to enter the RIP (Respiratory Isolation Precautions) speed note.

**\$Respiratory isolation precautions!**

## Field Personnel:

- Field Personnel are reminded to take appropriate baseline precautions (gloves, surgical mask, handwashing, and equipment decontamination) for any patient contact and to add enhanced PPE (N95/Full face respirator with P100 filter, eye protection, gown) as appropriate to protect yourself and your family when treating a patient with suspected influenza or other infectious condition. (Ref. CS20-Infectious Diseases/Pandemic)
- Beginning no later than January 8, 2024, dispatchers will begin asking standard Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance (EIDS) questions for all non-traumatic call types. When screening questions are positive, dispatchers will add the following CAD note to remind you to take appropriate precautions:

**\$Respiratory isolation precautions!**

## Attachments:

- None

## Distribution:

- EMS Chiefs e-mail distribution group
- Vector Solutions
- Pinellas County EMS Office of the Medical Director Webpage [www.pcemsomd.com](http://www.pcemsomd.com)