

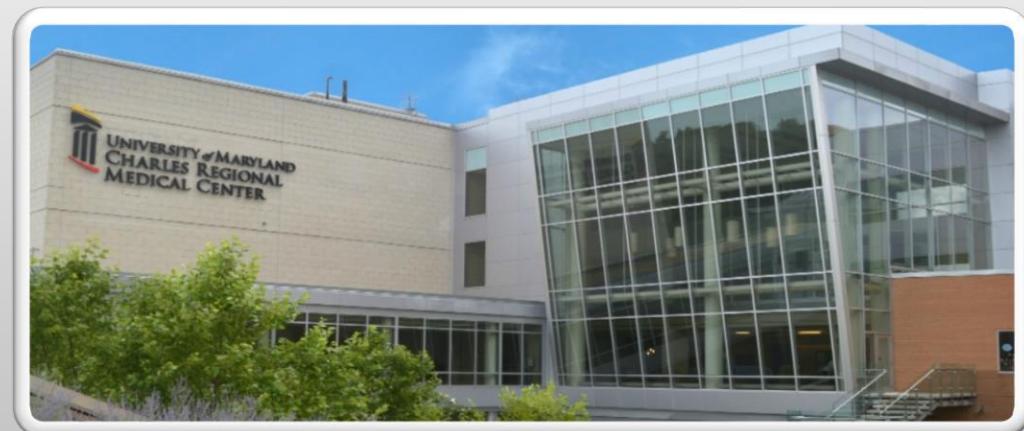
DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES FOR AMBULANCES AT CHARLES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

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FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY:

- THE COUNTY HAS CONTRACTED THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED CLEANING COMPANY TO SANITIZE THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT OF EACH AMBULANCE.
- CONTRACTORS WILL BE USING EPA CERTIFIED DISINFECTANTS.
- THIS SERVICE IS ONLY AVAILABLE AT CHARLES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.



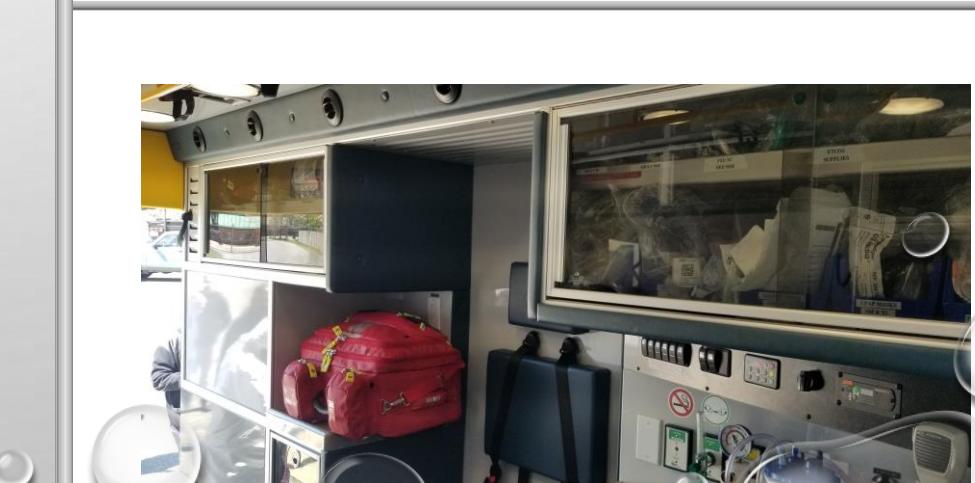


PROCEDURES

- AFTER TRANSPORTING THE PATIENT, LEAVE THE REAR DOORS OF THE TRANSPORT VEHICLE OPEN TO ALLOW FOR SUFFICIENT AIR EXCHANGE TO REMOVE POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS PARTICLES.
- THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE PATIENT TRANSFER PROCESS TO THE RECEIVING FACILITY AND COMPLETE ALL DOCUMENTATION SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT AIR EXCHANGE.
- THE OPEN REAR DOORS WILL ALSO SIGNAL THE CONTRACTOR THAT THEY HAVE AN AMBULANCE THAT REQUIRES DISINFECTING.

PROCEDURES – CONT'D

- WITH THE AMBULANCE TURNED OFF AND WEARING THE PROPER LEVEL OF PPE:
 - PICK UP AND BAG ALL GROSS CONTAMINATION (TO INCLUDE BODILY FLUIDS), TRASH AND MEDICAL WASTE.
 - REMOVE ALL ITEMS FROM THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT YOU DO NOT WANT SANITIZED.
 - CLOSE ALL CABINETS AND MEDICAL BAGS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT SANITIZED.
 - MAKE SURE THE DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT IS ISOLATED FROM THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT.



PROCEDURES – CONT'D

- THE CONTRACTORS WILL SANITIZE THE REAR PATIENT COMPARTMENT USING A FOGGING PROCESS OF EPA CERTIFIED DISINFECTANTS.





PROCEDURES – CONT'D

- THE SANITIZATION PROCESS SHOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN 20 MINUTES TO COMPLETE FOLLOWED BY A MANUAL WIPE DOWN OF THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT.



PROCEDURES – CONT'D

- THE EMS CREW IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER DECONTAMINATION OF THE STRETCHER, PORTABLE RADIO, ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT AND FRONT DRIVER'S CAB.



FAQ'S:

- **WHEN WILL THIS START?** THIS IS SOLELY DEPENDENT UPON YOU, THE CAREER AND VOLUNTEER EMS CLINICIANS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS TRAINED AND ON-BOARD. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THIS TRAINING AND SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR PEERS. WE ARE READY TO PULL THE TRIGGER NOW.
- **HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?** THIS PROCESS WILL ONLY BE IN EFFECT WHILE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THREATENS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR EMS CLINICIANS.
- **WHO IS THIS FOR?** THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO BOTH CAREER AND VOLUNTEER EMS CLINICIANS AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSE PARTNERS.
- **WHY?** BECAUSE THE COUNTY WANTS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF OUR FRONTLINE FIRST RESPONDERS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILIES ARE PROTECTED; THE COMMUNITY IS PROTECTED AND DO OUR PART TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.
- **WILL THE DISINFECTING CLEANER DAMAGE THE AMBULANCE?** NO. THE SANITIZATION PROCESS MAY LEAVE A LOW SHEEN FILM ON HIGHLY POLISHED SURFACES.
 - THIS SHEEN IS EASILY REMOVED WITH A DAMP CLOTH.
- **IS THE DISINFECTING CLEANER HARMFUL/DANGEROUS?** NO, YOU SHOULD HAVE NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PRODUCT AFTER THE SANITIZATION PROCESS.
 - ALL PRODUCTS USED ARE EPA CERTIFIED

