

## COVID-19 NON-TRANSPORT PROTOCOL

### Purpose

- A. Identify patients that are safe to not transport to a hospital during widespread cases of confirmed COVID-19 patients in order to accomplish the following:
- Minimize disease transmission to the community
  - Protect first responders and healthcare personnel
  - Preserve healthcare system functioning when the system is overwhelmed.

Individual agency policy and procedures apply, and providers are responsible for knowing and following those policies. This protocol is not intended to replace any existing agency specific guidelines provided by the EMS agency, Medical Director, or receiving facilities.

### Indications for Non-Transport

- A. EMS agency Medical Direction has decided to enact non-transport guidelines based on local indications that the healthcare system infrastructure is overwhelmed. This may include, but is not limited to, one of the following circumstances:
- Hospitals are exceeding maximum census
  - Hospitals and facilities are experiencing significant overcrowding
  - Hospitals and first response agencies have enacted surge plans
  - Healthcare providers are unable to obtain required personal protective equipment (PPE) to prevent transmission of disease.

### Assessment Algorithm for Non-Transport

