



**Department  
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## **BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

**TO:** Regional Emergency Medical Service Councils  
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee  
EMS Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care During the COVID19 Pandemic

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The guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems on April 17, 2020 titled "COVID 19 Public Health EMS Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care" has been rescinded by DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker.

The guidance proposed by physician leaders of the EMS Regional Medical Control Systems and the State Advisory Council – in accordance with American Heart Association guidance and based on standards recommended by the American College of Emergency Physicians and adopted in multiple other states – reflected nationally recognized minimum standards.

However, after further review, it has been determined that these standards are not necessary and for that reason DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker has ordered them to be rescinded.

Effective immediately, all New York State EMS agencies and providers are directed to follow the New York State standard [EMS Statewide Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols](#) for the treatment of patients in cardiac arrest.