



[Theron Becker](#) Oct 21st at 15:55

Weekly status update (info from this past couple week's worth of meetings):

- COVID is starting to hit our department. **Please** wear a mask if you are within six feet of another human as much as possible. This includes at work and off work. We had an employee without a mask at an educational event last week and now we have a bunch of staff that needs to get their brains scratched with a q-tip. We are anticipating having to shut some trucks down due to some positive results from this group testing. Again, protect your co-workers and your community by wearing a mask.
- We are continuing to have struggles with Polk County 911. Multiple issues and discussions happening. We are doing our best to make the relationship there better and serve our community needs as much as we can.
- Scanning into ESO is still in trial phases and all stations besides Bolivar should be doing it at this point. Anticipate Bolivar joining the scanning process soon.
- We are in process to get I-Gels approved by the hospital various committees and materials management. Expect near the first of the year some education and switching all supraglottic airways to I-Gel.
- 703 is coming together with equipment and supplies getting moved from 707.
- If you are interested in serving on the protocol committee or equipment committee, please shoot me a message. We are planning on a protocol committee meeting in January and an equipment committee meeting in February.
- Please get with your Crew Leader to schedule an N95 fit test if you haven't already had one. Deadline to get that done is November 15th.
- Also, get with your Crew Leader to get a flu shot if you haven't got one. Deadline for those is also coming up fast.
- We are finalizing some new recommended ventilator settings for COVID patients tomorrow, so look for an updated protocol there as soon as Dr. Nicholes gets a chance to review it.

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[Cynthia Bush](#) 2 months ago

What are the rules on wearing masks inside the ambulance? Are both crew members supposed to have masks on while in the trucks? Someone mentioned that had changed recently, but I wasn't sure.



[Theron Becker](#) 2 months ago

If you were within six feet of another person, you have to wear a mask. There is no way to get far enough apart if you are both in the front, so both of you have to wear a mask. This is not new and have been the rules for about nine months.

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[Cynthia Bush](#) 2 months ago

Okay. I was told if one crew member is wearing a mask, the other crew member doesn't have to. I didn't think that was right, so I wanted to clarify.



[Theron Becker](#) 2 months ago

Thank you for clarifying.



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There have been discussions about eating while in the ambulance. If you have been running all day without a break and do not have the chance to stop and eat away from each other, the best option is for one person to eat while the other is wearing a mask, then switch.

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