

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

## Leadership Notes

Have you finished your August protocol quiz yet?

<http://ozarksems.com/education-quizzes.php>

I apologize for any links that have not worked on previous newsletters; I hadn't been checking them after adding them.

ESO Alerting, live. CMH # (last digit of your unit #) for the template on Alerting.

Bolivar Speedway Races have all been cancelled.

SEMA team not taking transfers after 2000 Thursday, FEMA team with not start taking calls until 0800 Saturday.

New bonus rates for picking up shifts. More coming regarding base wage increases but still waiting on approvals.

Clarification from Dr. Nicholes on COVID treatments: Protocol is still accurate (<https://www.emsprotocols.online/cmhems/2-330.php>) with the following order of preference of treatments for new COVID infections with severe respiratory distress:

1. Oxygen NRB.
2. Use the patient's prescribed MDI.
3. Epi IM.
4. Only if none of the above are available or work, consider nebulizer. Do NOT administer steroids.
5. Only if none of the above are available or work, consider intubation.
6. Do NOT provide CPAP or BiPAP.

If you do not suspect COVID, steroids, nebulizer, intubation, CPAP, BiPAP, etc. are still all OK as long as the crew is wearing N95

## Shout Outs

Thank you Comorgan for pointing out I put the wrong name on the quiz cert emails! –Theron

Thank you Comorgan for looking into the pharmacy issue! –Amanda

Shout out to the Hickory responders on the GSW, they did an awesome job! –Amanda and Trent

Shout out to Sid for doing a great job on the GSW turned code! –James

Welcome James Altic, Chloe Cutler, and Madeline Lukefahr to PHS! –Managers

Thank you James for covering for Mike's vacation! –Crew Leaders

Thank you Eric Schmidt for picking up all the shifts you can! –Comorgan

Thank you Robert Frye for picking us so many shifts! –Crew Leaders

Thank you Matt Lee for picking up shifts! –Managers

Thank you Theron for taking the lead on getting our IS issues straightened out! –Comorgan



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## Safety Tips

Everyone's N95 fit tests will expire in October; don't wait until then to get retested. Get with Brice and retest all of your respiratory PPE. With COVID cases on the rise, now is a good time to make sure you keep clean shaven and your N95 and or respirator still fits.

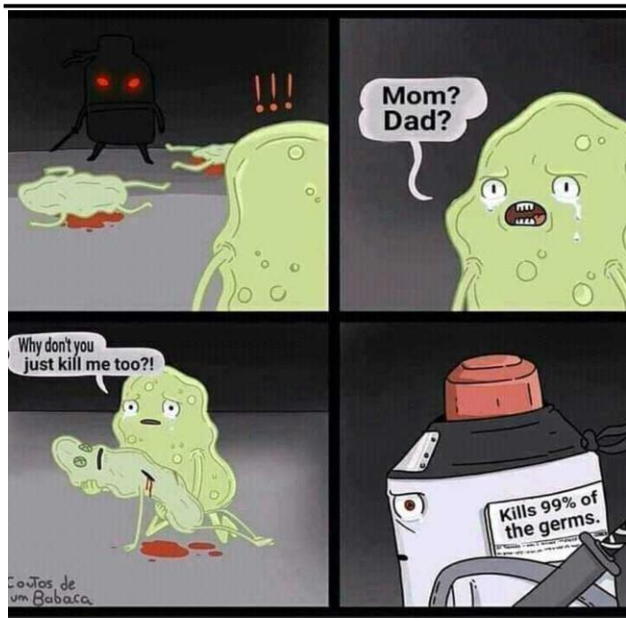
You can see posted in the ER a 40% rating for hand washing!

<https://www.emergency-live.com/ambulance/how-to-decontaminate-and-clean-the-ambulance-properly/>

<https://www.hmpgloballearningnetwork.com/site/emsworld/article/10320653/ems-equipment-and-transport-vehicle-cleaning-and-disinfection-challenges-best-practices>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4644042/>

<https://emtrainingbase.com/hand-hygiene-for-emergency-medical-services-ems/>



## Educational Resources

Have you tried to learn anything new lately?

<https://memsa.org/>

<https://www.ems1.com/>

<https://nemsis.org/>

<https://www.ems.gov/>

<https://www.emsstrong.org/>

<https://www.medscape.com/>

Upcoming Classes through our Education Department

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-Face and Neck Trauma

Aug 9<sup>th</sup>-Burns

Aug 12<sup>th</sup>-Bleeding, Soft Tissue Trauma

Aug 17<sup>th</sup>-Life Support Competency

Aug 19<sup>th</sup>-Final Exam Psychomotor Exam

Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-Life Support Competency

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> EMS Instructor Course  
Deadline to sign up Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

How EMS Data is Making a Difference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22mfc2ZCpm0>

Reducing EMS Workforce Injuries and Illness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4HeJ6hgXZI>

Improving Patient and Provider Safety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WMZxCYHcMk>