



Loyola EMS System
MEMORANDUM

Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP

Date: March 18, 2020
To: All Loyola EMS Providers
From: Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP
Re: COVID-19

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Cichon", is written over the "From:" line of the memorandum.

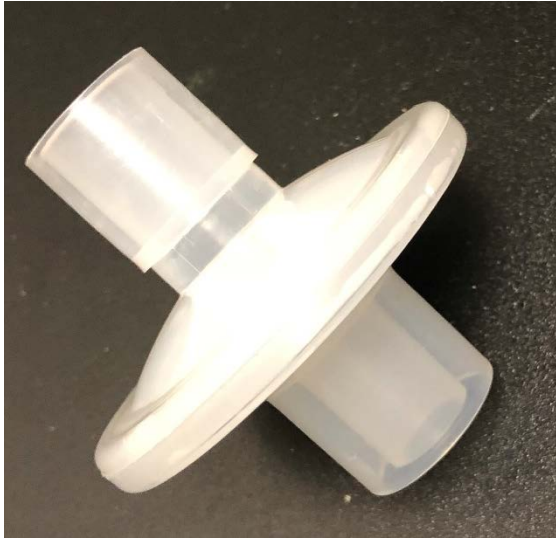
Your health and safety is our priority!!!

In an effort to help protect our first responders Loyola EMS has purchased viral filters which can be attached to a nebulizer or Bag Valve Mask. This filter (photos attached) helps provide an added layer of protection while performing high-risk aerosolized procedures. We are also working on additional resources to help minimize exposure to our providers.

A few quick points regarding patient care:

1. Please follow the SMOs without variation, we must care for our patients the same we normally would but with INCREASED precautions.
2. ALL PATIENTS must wear a surgical mask regardless of presentation/complaint.
3. Don proper PPE for patient condition
 - a. Suspected COVID-19 and/or Influenza-like symptoms:
 - i. Provider: Surgical mask, gown, gloves and eye protection.
 - ii. Patient: Surgical mask
 - b. Confirmed COVID-19 Patient or High Risk Procedure:
 - i. Provider: N95 mask (if properly fit tested or CBRN/SCBA masks), gown, gloves, and eye protection.
 - ii. Patient: Surgical mask
4. HIGH RISK PROCEDURES
 - a. If there is a concern with a high-risk procedure please contact Medical Control and have a conversation with the ECRN/MD, variations/recommendations to patient care will be done on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. If high-risk procedures CANNOT be delayed due to patient condition, providers MUST wear a N95 mask (if properly fit tested or CBRN/SCBA masks), gown, gloves, and eye protection.
5. Remember to turn on the patient compartment exhaust fan and air.
6. After patient drop-off follow department specific protocols for vehicle/equipment decontamination.

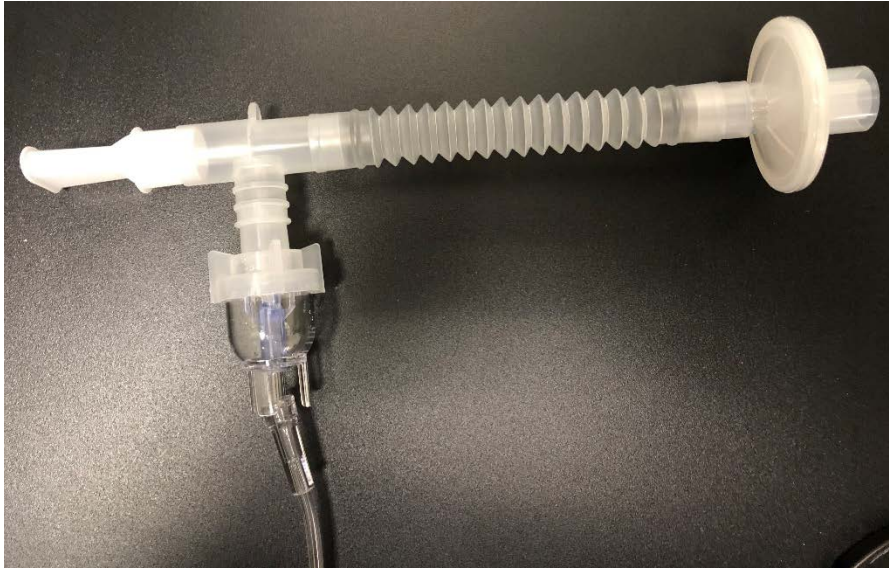
Bacterial/Viral Depth Filter



Attach the filter to the end of the t-piece for hand held nebulizer:



Attach the filter to the end of the extender piece:



Attach filter between the mask and bag valve:

