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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois EMS Medical Directors
Illinois EMS System Coordinators
Illinois Hospitals

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DATE: March 18, 2020

RE: **CLARIFICATION:** Notification of Positive COVID 19 Patient

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state and national declared emergency and in light of the number of patients being transported by EMS to a receiving hospital, effective immediately the hospital shall notify the EMS crew who transported a patient who tested positive for COVID 19 within 12 hours of a positive test result.

The notification shall include the following information: patient name, date and time the patient was brought into the receiving facility. **FOR CLARIFICATION:** If the hospital does not know the name of the crew, they shall notify the providers Designated Infection Control Officer, (DICO) or their Fire Chief or private EMS Corporate Executive Officer. The contacted entity will notify the EMS crew who transported a patient who tested positive for COVID 19.

EMS provider agency with the above information. The EMS Provider will then notify the EMS Crew.

Please share this memo with your ED nursing staff, ED physicians and infectious disease staff and other hospital administrators.

As the COVID-19 situation develops further the department will keep you up to date with the most current information we have available. Thank you for your continued support to EMS and stay safe.