



Policy 633: Pandemics, Emerging Diseases and other Emergencies

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- I. Scope
 - A. An EMS Response Plan which includes modified EMS procedures and policies, when activated by order of the Medical Director during the event of a Pandemic, Emerging Infectious Disease or other health emergency, shall supersede applicable provisions elsewhere written in the Santa Cruz County EMS Policies and Procedures
- II. Purpose
 - A. Extraordinary conditions may arise that necessitate the temporary suspension and modification of normal EMS procedures and patient care.
 - B. The goal of these modifications is to optimize the delivery of overall patient care in the context of extraordinary demand and interruption of normally available health care and other resources.
- III. Specific Situations
 - A. Each situation that may arise will require unique modifications and suspension of policy and protocol and are addressed specifically in this reference section.
 - B. Activation and deactivation of the EMS Response Plan
 - 1. Activation and deactivation will be through an administrative order from the Medical Director