

To: All LMEMS and Fire Personnel

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RE: Influenza-like Illness

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As you all know, the swine flu outbreak has reached our neighboring states, and it is reasonable to anticipate that we may soon be seeing similar cases here in Louisville.

The attached Operations Order is to reiterate the current Exposure Control Plan specified under system Standard Operating Procedure, and to assist you in minimizing any possible transmission of influenza-like illness among pre-hospital providers and first-responder personnel.

Please be sure to read and follow it carefully. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this protocol, please address them to your Operations officer and we will answer them as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

Also, please be aware that we're working with MetroSafe to ensure that you have all the information you need when responding to a patient who may be exhibiting symptoms of an influenza-like illness. When possible, 911 dispatch will provide advance notification so that you may put on all necessary personal protective equipment.

We will keep you informed of any developments in this influenza outbreak as they relate to our community. And if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your immediate supervisor.

Thank you.