

Effective April 1, 2020 there will be some changes in the Cedar Crest ED flow and where patients are placed due to the ever growing novel COVID-19 pandemic. These changes are being implemented to minimize staff exposure, minimize unnecessary PPE usage, and prevent cross contamination of patients and EMS providers. Please forward this on to your staff. Below you will see an outline of the changes.

The **Cedar Crest ED** and **Children's ER** will begin Phase 1 of our surge plan today. While we continue to see less volume at Cedar Crest, we want to be proactive and prepare for surges in volume.

We will begin moving patients in the Emergency Department in an effort to create hot zones (COVID or possible COVID patients) and cool zones.

We do realize the challenge in identifying patients up front – especially as community spread becomes more rampant. This changeover will begin April 1, 2020 at 6 AM and is expected to take 4-6 hours.

Major Changes:

- Children's ER will relocate to POD 1 – and will be renamed as POD 1 (New CHER)
- The old Children's ER – will be renamed POD 6 –hot (Red) zone (old CHER)
- POD 4 will become a hot (Red) zone

Please give as much detail on your radio report to help the Charge Nurse determine the most appropriate location for your patient.

On arrival, please pay close attention to your bed assignment on the monitor in the ambulance entrance.

Also when you are registering your patient please remind the Registrar of the EMS agency you are with.

Thank you for your assistance.

EMS Liaisons

If there are any questions please reach out to us.

Shawn & Kyle