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## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMS ABBREVIATED RADIO REPORT OPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

County of San Diego EMS actively monitors the health of the 9-1-1 delivery system. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased demands on the county's entire healthcare continuum. In an effort to preserve critical healthcare resources in the county's acute-care hospitals, the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director has issued a temporary adjustment to the EMS radio report format.

Effective immediately, an abbreviated radio report may be used to ensure timely patient care and appropriate ambulance patient destinations. This option is in addition to the LEMSIS and Standard Radio Reports defined in [County EMS Policy S-415](#).

This abbreviated pandemic radio report includes:

- CAD Incident number
- Age
- Gender
- Acuity
- Patient complaints(s), including duration OR mechanism/cause of injury
- ABNORMAL vital signs for age
- COVID screening information
- PERTINENT history, allergies, or medication, including all anticoagulants
- Anticipated destination facility, reason for destination, estimated time of arrival
- Any information that would affect hospital bed/triage assignment (e.g., sedation, respiratory treatments, intubation, other infectious disease, spinal motion restriction, any anticoagulant use)

Thank you for the outstanding care you provide to our patients, day in and day out. We recognize and appreciate your dedication during the special conditions of this pandemic.

Respectfully,

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