

## Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

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**DATE:** October 4, 2021

TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft

Hospital CEOs, ED Directors, Nurse Managers and PLNs EMS Training Institutions and Continuing Education Providers Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino County EMCC Members

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Members Systems Advisory Committee (SAC) Members

**FROM:** Reza Vaezazizi, MD

Medical Director

SUBJECT: ICEMA EMERGENCY DIRECTIVES - EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The Emergency Directive listed below is effective September 30, 2021.

• 2021.09.30 (NEW)

The ICEMA directive can also be found on ICEMA's website at www.ICEMA.net under the Emergency Directives section.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Anaya, EMS Assistant Administrator, at (909) 388-5824 or via e-mail at amber.anaya@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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Effective Date: September 30, 2021 Expiration Date: September 30, 2022

Supersedes: NA

## **ICEMA EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE #2021.09.30**

Whereas a State of Emergency exists in San Bernardino County as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

Whereas despite sustained efforts, COVID-19 continues to spread and is impacting all cities and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County; and

Whereas it is imperative that First Responder agencies and transport providers maximize the number of available resources to maintain the ability to meet the anticipated response needs.

## IT IS HERBY DIRECTED THAT:

- 1. Implementation will span across all Operational Areas within the County of San Bernardino.
  - a. Response plans may not have a transport provider assigned to the initial dispatch.
- 2. Dispatch Centers may send the closest most appropriate ICEMA approved ambulance without concern for jurisdictional boundaries.
  - a. Non-ambulance alternate transport vehicles may be utilized if:
    - (1) Dispatch Centers are unable to fill the incident request with an ALS ambulance, an assistance by hire ALS ambulance or a BLS ambulance.
    - (2) On scene crew has a critical patient where an ambulance is unavailable, has no ETA, or an extended ETA.
- 3. Consideration may be given to rescind or modify this directive if:
  - a. After 48 hours of decreased call volume.
  - b. Restoration of adequate staffing levels.
- 4. This directive will expire with the termination of the Local Medical Emergency.