




## Advisory 20-10: RESCINDED Adult Cardiac Arrest Management Protocol

To: All Providers

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The NYS Commissioner of Health today rescinded the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Adult Cardiac Arrest Management Protocol issued on April 17<sup>th</sup> and outlined in Advisory 20-09. ***Providers must immediately cease using this protocol and revert to pre-existing Cardiac Arrest Standards promulgated in the Collaborative Protocols.***

The previously issued, and now rescinded protocol, was specifically designed as a Crisis Standard of Care. A Crisis Standard is put into place due to a number of different factors, including but not limited to, the prevalence of COVID-19 in the region, and the availability of resources to meet the demand for care such as EMS assets, ICU beds, and PPE. Fortunately, neither our region, nor the state, currently meet that community crisis standard. Hopefully we will not have a need to reissue that guidance.

Providers should continue to follow [Advisory 20-08](#) as it relates to Airway and Respiratory Management of Patients with Suspected COVID-19. As always, provider discretion based on scene and clinical circumstances always supersede a specific protocol. Providers should utilize their best clinical judgement, existing cardiac arrest and termination of resuscitation protocols, and contact Medical Control early with any questions regarding care of a specific patient.

With questions, please contact this office.

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## **BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

**TO:** Regional Emergency Medical Service Councils  
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee  
EMS Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care During the COVID19 Pandemic

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The guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems on April 17, 2020 titled "COVID 19 Public Health EMS Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care" has been rescinded by DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker.

The guidance proposed by physician leaders of the EMS Regional Medical Control Systems and the State Advisory Council – in accordance with American Heart Association guidance and based on standards recommended by the American College of Emergency Physicians and adopted in multiple other states – reflected nationally recognized minimum standards.

However, after further review, it has been determined that these standards are not necessary and for that reason DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker has ordered them to be rescinded.

Effective immediately, all New York State EMS agencies and providers are directed to follow the New York State standard [EMS Statewide Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols](#) for the treatment of patients in cardiac arrest.