I. Declaration

The Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency has determined that an unscheduled temporary policy modification to Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy 302 [Prehospital Care Asset-Minimum Inventory Requirements] is required.

Consistent with Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy 109: Policy Development and Implementation, the EMS Director, or designee, may issue Administrative Orders when immediate changes are necessary.

II. Statement of Change and Rationale

Due to the ongoing PPE supply shortages associated with the COVID-19 outbreak, the rapid replacement of P100 Respirators has become increasingly difficult to obtain.

Therefore, the substitution of N95 Respirators for P100 Respirators is hereby authorized as a minimum inventory requirement replacement of P100 Respirators. The minimum quantity of two (2) per crewmember is still in effect.

Providers that have sufficient supplies of P100 Respirators must continue to provide P100 Respirators to their crewmembers.

This Administrative Order does not supersede or circumvent any federal and/or state regulations on the use of air purifying respirators.

III. Execution

Administrative Order # 2020-001 is in effect as of March 16, 2020. This Administrative Order will remain in effect for sixty (60) days and will expire on May 15, 2020.

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