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Region 11 EMS Monthly Pearls

- EMS providers who will directly care for a patient with possible **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** infection or who will be in the compartment with the patient should follow Standard, Contact, and Airborne Precautions, including the use of eye protection.
- Patients with fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath) should be screened for **travel history**. Recommendations for evaluating and reporting Persons Under Investigation (PUI) are updated frequently and CDC guidelines should be followed.
- All EMTs, Paramedics, ECRNs, ECPs should complete the **mandatory “Death in the Field” education** by March 15th.
- Region 11 EMTs and Paramedics should maintain an active **Target Solutions** profile.
- Rush University Medical Center has been approved as a **Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Center** and is updated on the VAD Transport Policy (C.20)

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director