To: Emergency Medical Services Personnel
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Subject: Use of latex gloves due to nitrile glove shortage

Due to the COVID-19 response, nitrile gloves are in limited supply. During this time, and until supply returns, latex gloves can be used in place of nitrile gloves.

Before they are used:
- Make sure all employees who use gloves know in advance that latex gloves will be made available;
- Check the box for labeling to determine what type of gloves are in the box;
- Ask the patient if they have a latex allergy
  - If no allergy, proceed with latex glove use
  - If patient reports an allergy, you will need to use another type of glove. It is recommended that departments/agencies keep a supply of nitrile gloves on hand for instances where the patient is allergic.

It is also recommended that departments/agencies maintain a supply of non-latex gloves for employees that may have a latex allergy.

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