INFORMATION TO PREHOSPITAL PERSONNEL
RE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PRECAUTIONS DURING OUTBREAKS
AT CERTAIN FACILITIES

APPROVED:  
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1. Outbreak Definition: This will be defined by Public Health. It will depend upon the disease.

2. Facility Types:
   2.1 Licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities
   2.2 Assisted Living Facilities housing more than 25 persons

3. Procedure:
   3.1 If EMS personnel become aware of an outbreak of a communicable disease at such a facility, they may request that the EMS Administrator on-call be notified to provide guidance on what type of precautions, if any, should be taken by EMS personnel.
   3.2 When the LEMSA is aware of an outbreak of a communicable disease that requires specific PPE, the LEMSA will notify the EMS Coordinators of the general type of communicable disease the type of precautions that should be used within the facility.
   3.3 When the Public Health Division determines that the outbreak has ended, the LEMSA will notify the EMS Coordinators.

4. This policy is contingent upon EMS personnel being knowledgeable of the Centers of Disease Control isolation precautions to include:
   4.1 Standard precautions
   4.2 Contact precautions
   4.3 Droplet precautions
   4.4 Airborne precautions