

Lehigh Valley Health Network – Hazleton

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LVHN-Hazleton has implemented a COVID Surge Procedure that will affect the travel in the ED of incoming patient brought in by EMS. Any patient that is transported by EMS will enter through the POD 3 ambulance entrance of the ED, to the right of the new ambulance entrance and past the helipad. This plan is in place to help minimize the staff exposure, minimize unnecessary PPE usage, and prevent cross contamination of patients. Pod 3 and Pod 4 will be our COVID cohort “Hot Zone”. Please inform your crews that if patients are suspected COVID they should be entering through the old EMS entrance into Pod 3. Please communicate on the radio if COVID is suspected. There may be times you arrive to the regular EMS entrance and if we identify a patient may be COVID rule out the ED staff will ask the crews to exit and enter through the old EMS entrance. Below is the language from the COVID Surge Procedure that will alter EMS operations.

- **EMS**
 - COVID symptom patients will enter through EMS entrance in Pod 3
 - ED Staff answering radio will instruct EMS to enter through EMS entrance in Pod 3
 - If EMS arrives to main ambulance entrance with a COVID symptom patient; staff will instruct them to exit and enter through EMS entrance

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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