

HEALTH ALERT NETWORK BROADCAST

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FROM: CO-CDPHE

SUBJECT: HAN Advisory - Crisis Standards of Care Activated for Personal Protective Equipment and Emergency Medical Services

RECIPIENTS: Local Public Health Agencies / IPs / Clinical Labs / EDs / ID Physicians / Coroners

RECIPIENT INSTRUCTIONS: Local Public Health Agencies - Please forward to health care providers

HEALTH ADVISORY | Colorado Crisis Standards of Care activated for PPE & EMS | April 9, 2019

Health care providers: Please distribute widely in your office

Key points

- Governor Jared Polis has authorized, and State Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric France has activated the Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) for personal protective equipment (PPE) and emergency medical services (EMS).
- CSC for hospitals have **not** been activated as of April 9, 2020.
- The Crisis Standards of Care are available at colorado.gov/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care

Background information

Crisis Standards of Care describe the medical standards of practice during times of crisis, including how the medical community should allocate scarce resources in the extreme case when health care needs exceed the resources available. The standards describe practices that can be put in place during public health emergencies and can provide extra legal liability protection to health care workers. The Governor's Expert Epidemic Response Committee (GEEERC) adopted revised standards on April 5, 2020. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment activated portions of the CSC this week. Standards for PPE and EMS currently are activated. The state is activating portions of the standards as the need for them becomes apparent.

Recommendations / guidance

- Hospitals, health care providers, and emergency medical services should review the PPE and EMS portions of the CSC and use them as necessary.
- Additionally, health care providers and hospitals should review the CSC for hospitals, to be prepared in the event it is activated.
- Organizations adopting these care standards should inform CDPHE by [completing this short survey](#).
- [CDC Executive Summary and Core Principles](#)

- [CSC Activation](#)
- [CSC EMS](#)
- [CSC PPE](#)
- [CSC Hospital, including Crisis Triage](#)

More information

- Disability-specific issues related to COVID 19 in Colorado
<http://www.ccdonline.org/covid-19-resources-links-and-information/>