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REGULATORY/ MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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TO: 911 ALS Providers
IFT-ALS Providers
Sheriff's Department
Police Chiefs Association

REGARDING: **ORANGE COUNTY EMS PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 TESTING OF
PARAMEDICS AND POLICE OFFICERS/SHERIFF DEPUTIES**

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) has reached an agreement with the University of California Irvine Medical Center to provide COVID-19 testing of symptomatic paramedics and police officers/sheriff deputies.

Paramedics and law enforcement officers who meet the following criteria can call UCI Medical Center at either of the two phone numbers listed below to be screened for drive-thru testing, which is by appointment only.

(714) 509-6299

To qualify for screening and possible testing, eligible paramedics and police officers/sheriff deputies first responders must meet all of the following:

- 1) Either be a paramedic or law enforcement officer working or accredited in Orange County
- 2) Active health insurance
- 3) Temperature higher than 100.4° F (38° C)
- 4) New lower respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

**Above criteria are subject to change based on latest CDC guidelines*

If you meet the above criteria, upon calling UCI you will be transferred to a triage nurse who will review your symptoms with you. Upon meeting criteria, you will be provided an appointment to obtain your COVID-19 test at one of the closest drive-thru locations. You must bring your health insurance card and identification with you at the time of your appointment.

Results from the test will be available within 24-72 hours of the time the sample is obtained and you will be notified by a representative from the medical center.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl Schultz, MD'.

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