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## **The Detroit East Medical Control Authority Advisory**

RE: Bag Valve Mask (BVM) COVID-19 Policy

This policy serves as clarification for any protocol that refers to using a BVM for Respiratory Distress, Respiratory Arrest or Cardiac Arrest:

- I. Crews' should assume that the patient is or could be COVID-19 positive
- II. All providers should don all appropriate PPE prior to starting airway procedures
- III. Any patient that is in severe respiratory distress should be placed on a non-rebreather mask for passive oxygenation
- IV. Any patient that is in respiratory arrest or cardiac arrest should be:
  1. placed on a non-rebreather mask for passive oxygenation until a more definitive airway can be placed.
  2. Supraglottic airway placed as first choice. Intubation is post radio only.
  3. Ventilations with a BVM with a HEPA filter

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at [info@demca.org](mailto:info@demca.org).