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TO: All Prehospital Care Providers

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SUBJ.: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updated Provider's Secondary Impressions List

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency (SJCEMSA) has been notified by the EMS Authority (EMSA) that EMSA has made changes to the California Emergency Medical Services Information System (CEMSIS) to collect data related COVID-19 patient cohorts.

EMSA has added the ICD-10 codes listed below to the Prehospital Care Provider's Secondary Impressions data set (eSituation.12) **only**. SJCEMSA is adopting the CEMSIS changes recommended by EMSA which may provide information useful for pandemic response planning and evaluation. SJCEMSA is directing prehospital care service providers to begin collecting and reporting this data as part of their electronic patient care records (ePCRs).

CODE	ICD-10 DEFINITION	USE CASE
Z20.828	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases	Use when the patient is <b>known or suspected</b> to have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
Z20.9	Contact with and (suspected) exposure to unspecified communicable disease	Use when the patient is suspected to have been exposed to an infectious disease, but the EMS clinician <b>does not know</b> if it was COVID-19. The patient has symptoms but exposure is unknown.

In order to implement the codes below update your Schematron file from the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) website or contact your ePCR vendor for assistance. A full list of Prehospital Care Service Provider's Primary and Secondary Impressions is located on EMS Authority's website: [www.emsa.ca.gov/CEMSIS](http://www.emsa.ca.gov/CEMSIS).

As a reminder prehospital care personnel are directed to document the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (e0ther.03) on all responses.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, you may direct questions to Tina Shahani, EMS Analyst at [tshahani@sjgov.org](mailto:tshahani@sjgov.org) or (209) 468-6818.