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PEMS Medication Box Infection Control Directive COVID-19 2020.

In cooperation with the Pharmacy Committee and the direction of Dr. Cheryl Lawson, during this time frame of concern, the policy for drug box use and exchange is as follows:

1. EMS providers opening a drug box should keep the box clear of patient contact as much as possible without disrupting patient care, for example by positioning it behind the head of the stretcher, in the drug box compartment, at the far end of the bench seat, etc.
2. After the call is completed, and prior to exchanging the box with the charge nurse, EMS providers are required to decontaminate the box with CDC and EPA approved Cleaning Agents Letter dated 3/3/2020 and on the CDC Website: [Click Here to Access CDC Letter](#)
 - a. Follow normal equipment wipe down of the exterior of the PEMS Medication box as you have been trained on infection control.
 - b. No need to open dividers if you haven't opened them within the box, wipe exterior surfaces and anything opened.
3. The ED and Pharmacy Committee are aware of this policy, and will expect the box for exchange as usual.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. And as always, feel free to contact us here at the PEMS office with questions anytime. 804-693-6234.

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