



The Monitor

The monthly electronic newsletter for the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System.

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COMMAND: Dr. Haake wants to wish everyone a Happy Easter and welcome in spring!

FINANCE: The Fiscal Year 2018 EMS Assistance Grant application period is now open. The deadline for application submission is April 10, 2017. Visit idphgrants.com for instructions and application requirements.

LOGISTICS: For non-transport agencies: The non-transport inspections will be due at the end of April and the inspection forms have been sent by email. The inspection forms are also on the system website, www.sirems.com. First responder non-transports will be able to complete self-inspections. The ILS and ALS non-transports will need a system inspection from someone in the EMS Office. Contact the EMS Office with any questions.

Just in case you have been living under a rock, there is a total solar eclipse coming on August 21, 2017. Most of Southern Illinois is in the path of totality. It is approximately 60 miles wide and will go from the northwest to the southeast. We strongly encourage all agencies to communicate with your response partners and plan for the knowns and the unknowns this event will bring. The SPARC Coalition is a good resource for collaboration and information sharing, especially for this upcoming event. Don't underestimate the impact the eclipse and the corresponding events will have on your department and your response area.

The EMS Office has a N95 fit test kit that can be used by departments within SIREMS. Contact the EMS Office to request the kit.

OPERATIONS: If you have any law enforcement personnel contact you or your agency with questions about naloxone, please refer them to the EMS Office. Our office staff have already participated in Narcan training with local law enforcement. We have or have access to information on training, acquisition of naloxone, storage, and sample policies.

A letter from MHC's administrator addressing patient care reports was mailed last week. It was a form letter sent to area EMS agencies to remind everyone of the IDPH administrative rule requiring a copy of the patient's PCR be left at the receiving facility before leaving. There are provisions for exceptions built into our system plan.

The receiving hospital portion of the run report will be completed and left with the receiving facility when the patient is transported.

o EMS personnel will complete the PCR before leaving the facility.

o In unusual or busy circumstances:

The PCR must be completed and delivered to the receiving facility as soon as possible and by the end of their shift.

If there are any questions about PCRs or difficulties leaving the copies at the receiving facilities, please contact the EMS Office.

PLANNING: Don't forget about our EMS Calendar at www.sirems.com

April 04:	Election Day
April 06:	2017 Illinois EMS Summit, Springfield, IL
April 11:	SPARC Quarterly Meeting, The Marion Pavilion
April 13:	SIREMS Triage Tag Day
April 18:	IDPH EMS Advisory Council, Springfield
April 18:	Tax Day
April 20:	Region 5 EMS Advisory Committee, HRMC Marion

TIP OF THE MONTH: Though the temperatures are still relatively mild, don't forget the possibility of sunburn. As the weather improves, more people will venture outside and be exposed to more sunlight than they have seen in months. Brush up on the treatment of superficial and partial thickness burns. Also, don't forget your sunscreen!

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