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## **New Release of Update to the Special Procedures Briefing document for Protocol 36 -- Pandemic/Epidemic/Outbreak (Officially Enacted Triage)**

The Academy has made several modifications to its **Special Procedures Briefing** document. This new release incorporates several changes to improve and streamline your agency's understanding and use of Protocol 36. One of the most important of these changes is a new section titled "**Special Non-Triage Use**" for agencies that choose to enact P36 during times when flu is being encountered but before any reduced response mode triage is needed (see item 5 below).

The following are all changes included in this update:

- 1) **Page 1:** KQ 5 (in P-36 card graphic) now reads "Does s/he have a **new cough** that **recently** started?" (Changed from old KQ 5: "Is s/he coughing?").
- 2) **Page 2:** Added (light blue) text "**\*See page 8 for Special Non-Triage Use exception.**" This was added directly above graphic of AI section and below 3rd bullet point in "Limitations for Protocol Use" section.
- 3) **Page 3:** SRI Screen Graphic (bottom of page): Added (orange) qualifier statement before last question "traveled recently (if so where?)" that reads: "**Ask only in early phases when new flu is emerging from specific areas.**"
- 4) **Page 5:** Graphic (middle of page): Now **displays all** Protocol 36 **determinants** (previous graphic displayed only the DELTA-level determinants).
- 5) **Page 8:** Added section titled "**Special Non-Triage Use.**" These two paragraphs explain the use of Protocol 36 in a Non-Triage mode, for agencies that choose to enact Protocol 36 in this manner.
- 6) **Page 8:** Added (light blue) reminder statement: "**Please check the Academy website frequently for new versions and use updates: [www.emergencydispatch.org](http://www.emergencydispatch.org)**"

A few of the changes mentioned above have to do with specific Protocol 36 or Severe Respiratory Infection (SRI) screen modifications. New versions of these protocols that contain these changes have been previously posted on the Academy's website: [www.emergencydispatch.org](http://www.emergencydispatch.org) and the PDC website: [www.prioritydispatch.net](http://www.prioritydispatch.net)

Please check this website daily for the latest updates and releases of Protocol 36 and the Severe Respiratory Infection (Swine Flu) Symptoms checklist (SRI pop-up screen).

The Academy continues to stay at the forefront in providing the EMD and EMS community with the most current tools to address this pandemic and any subsequent new wave of flu along with its possible depletion of resources and medical capacity.

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