



Regional Advisory Update Regarding COVID – 19

Re: Viral Filters COVID-19

Distribution: All Mountain Lakes REMAC Physicians and EMS Providers

Date: April 17, 2020

A very limited supply of viral filters have been obtained by Mountain Lakes and are immediately available on a 1 filter per front line ambulance basis. Delivery of the filters will commence immediately to agencies lacking filters. When a filter is used, providers should request for 1:1 replacement of the filter at the receiving hospital ED. If replacement is impossible, please contact Mountain Lakes immediately for replacement.

Extra (back-up) filters may be requested from Mountain Lakes on a 1 extra filter per front line ambulance basis after initial distribution. Requests will be honored if possible based on supply.

Viral filters are required for all CPAP and BVM use. The viral filter should be placed between the CPAP mask and tubing or between the BVM mask, ETT or supraglottic airway and the BVM.

Thank you for being the smart, heroic, compassionate providers that you are. Please wear your PPE.

Excellent, up to date, emergency physician driven education and updates regarding COVID-19 assessment and treatment can be found at: <https://covid.emrap.org/>

Excellent, detailed information regarding presentation, assessment, donning and doffing, protective equipment and treatment is available at: <https://emcrit.org/ibcc/covid19/>

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