

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Infectious Disease Ambulance Response Team  
(IDART) Designation**

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**Purpose:**

- A. To ensure all providers involved in the transportation and treatment of patients with highly infectious emerging diseases meet minimum standards to ensure the safety of the public and responders.

**Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**Protocol:**

- A. Sacramento County-approved ALS providers shall request designation in writing to be designated as an IDART providers.
- B. Sacramento County-approved ALS providers that will utilize an out-of-county resource may do so upon approval from the agency.
- C. Out-of-county resources are subject to the same standards and requirements under this document.
- D. To maintain the designation, providers shall maintain the minimum equipment and training as designated in this document.
- E. To be designated as an IDART provider, SCEMSA will conduct an inspection of training records, equipment, provider protocols, and personal protective equipment (PPE). This shall include observing a complete donning and doffing of PPE by responders and a complete setup and removal of ambulance isolation equipment.
- F. All personnel training will comply with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) standards at a minimum. These can be found at [The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#)

- G. Requirements for PPE shall be complied with, as directed by the SCEMSA Medical Director.
- H. The following equipment will be required to attain and maintain IDART designation. Specific PPE may vary by identified disease or virus. The SCEMSA Medical Director and/or Public Health Office will designate specific PPE requirements. Upon designation, approved IDART providers shall obtain any additional equipment and train all personnel involved in the designated team:

**Examples of Required PPE:**

- A. Contact/Droplet PPE
  1. Fluid impermeable coveralls without integrated hood
  2. Single-use (disposable) hood extending to shoulders
  3. Single-use disposable shoe covers, hi-top booties
  4. One Single-use full-face shield
  5. Single-use N-95 or P-100 Respirator
  6. Pair of nitrile gloves - regular length
  7. Pair of nitrile gloves - extended length
- B. Airborne PPE with the Powered Air Purifying Respirator ("PAPR")
  1. Fluid impermeable surgical-type coveralls without integrated hood
  2. Single-use disposable shoe covers, hi-top booties
  3. Pair of nitrile gloves - regular length
  4. Pair of nitrile gloves - extended length
  5. PAPR Assembly: PAPR belt, Double-bib Hood, Breathing Tube, Filter Cartridge, Battery Charger

**Note:** PAPR is reusable if decontaminated properly. Battery Charger is reusable.

**Example of Ambulance Patient Compartment Wrap:**

- A. 6 mil (1 mil = 0.0254 mm) clear plastic sheeting (minimum)
- B. Duct Tape (Note that duct tape has a rating scale for adhesiveness and weather ability, so choose a four (4) or higher for adhesiveness and weather ability based upon local climate humidity factors.)
- C. Scissors
- D. Large plastic sheeting, if needed, for a seat at the patient's head (Jump Seat/Captain's Chair)

**Training Requirements:**

- A. Personnel designated by a provider as an IDART team member shall receive all appropriate training required for the use of designated PPE and ambulance setup and decontamination.
- B. Practical training shall occur no less than once per calendar month and shall include:
  - 1. Full process of donning and doffing PPE.
  - 2. Full process of setting up and removal of ambulance isolation set up.
  - 3. Review and exercise of decontamination of ambulance and equipment.