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*The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.*

**The NYC REMAC proudly thanks the EMS Professionals tirelessly working to protect and serve the residents of NYC and recognizes that EMS provides an ESSENTIAL service to this city, state and country.**

Due to increased number of personnel ill or in quarantine secondary to COVID19 infection, and in an effort to maintain adequate and safe levels of response to 911 calls, the following TEMPORARY reduction in staffing requirements is recommended:

- Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances responding to 911 generated calls shall operate with a minimum of one (1) NYS certified / NYC REMAC credentialed EMT-Paramedic and one (1) NYS certified EMT.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances responding to 911 generated calls shall operate with a minimum of one (1) NYS certified EMT and one (1) NYS certified CFR.

**This TEMPORARY reduction in staffing requirements will remain in effect until the current State Disaster status imposed by the Governor to address the COVID19 crisis has been terminated.**

*Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: [www.nycremsco.org](http://www.nycremsco.org).*

*Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.*

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