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To Paramedics and Paramedic Services Utilizing UH STEMI Bypass Protocol
From Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program (SWORBHP)
Subject **COVID-19 STEMI Bypass Memo**

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Effective immediately:

Please take note of the following changes in the STEMI bypass process until further notice. These changes have been requested by the LHSC PCI Program

Scenario 1

STEMI positive patient, passes COVID-19 screen – no changes to current STEMI bypass process.

Scenario 2

STEMI positive patient, fails COVID-19 screen. Process remains the same except for the below changes:

In the setting of STEMI bypass, a failed COVID-19 screen is defined as:

Emergency Health Services COVID-19 Screening Tool for Paramedics Failure
OR

The patient is presenting with fever and/or new onset of cough and difficulty breathing

1. As part of the Patch Script, inform the Interventional Cardiologist that the patient has **failed the STEMI Bypass COVID-19 screen.**
2. If patient is **NOT ACCEPTED** by Interventional Cardiologist transport patient to **closest ED.**
3. If patient is **ACCEPTED** by Interventional Cardiologist, transport patient to **UH ED:**
 - a. When providing UH Triage RN "Notification Patch", advise that the patient has been accepted by Interventional Cardiology, but **has failed the STEMI Bypass COVID-19 screen.**
 - b. Transport patient to UH ED and receive further direction from triage RN as to where transfer of care will take place.
 - c. Transfer patient to UH ED stretcher and transfer care to the UH ED team.

Please note that patients who **fail the STEMI Bypass COVID-19** screen **WILL NOT** be taken directly to the cardiac catheterization lab by paramedics.

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