



TO: EMS Services that Transport to Hartford Hospital

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RE: Turning ambulance engines off while parked at HH ED

As many of you are aware, the set up of our Emergency Department places some patient care areas close to the entrance that EMS crews use to bring patients into the hospital. This close proximity unfortunately allows for exhaust from ambulance engines to enter the department. This can complicate the treatment of patients and exacerbate medical conditions that they or staff members may have.

At this time I would like to reiterate the importance of turning the engine of your ambulance off after you have parked.

I know that many of you have been doing this, but it only takes one ambulance to send exhaust into the ED. I would encourage you to notify crews who don't frequently transport patient's here of this.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Office of EMS Education at (860) 545-2564.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter!