



# Health Alert Network

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## HAN ADVISORY

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Subject: **Advisory - Colorado Crisis Standards of Care activated for PPE & EMS - April 9, 2019**

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Recipients: HAN Community Members.

From: TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas County, Colorado

**Recipient Instructions:** *Tri-County Health Department is forwarding you the attached HAN. You may have already received this broadcast if you are on the CDPHE distribution list, however, we wanted to ensure you did not miss this important information. No response required.*

Attached please find a Colorado Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory message related to the activation of the Colorado Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) for both PPE and EMS to guide providers on how to allocate scarce resources during response to this pandemic. Additional Crisis Standards of Care for *Hospitals*, including Crisis Triage, have been drafted but are not activated at this time.

Please note that organizations that are adopting these care standards are asked to review this HAN in detail and complete a survey (link included in the HAN Advisory). Please share this important information and update with your health care providers and staff. For more information, the crisis standards of care are available online at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care>

### For more information:

- TCHD COVID-19 web page: <http://www.tchd.org/818/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- CDPHE COVID-19 web page: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- CDC COVID-19 web page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Medical resource requests/questions may be submitted to [Logistics@tchd.org](mailto:Logistics@tchd.org). TCHD Logistics will provide the ordering resource document (213RR) and direct partners to the corresponding County or City OEM Logistics personnel to place your orders into the State ordering system, Web EOC.
- For questions about COVID-19 please call Tri-County Health Department at 303-220-9200 or [callcenter@tchd.org](mailto:callcenter@tchd.org)
- Members of the public may contact CO Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 with general questions about COVID-19 to receive answers in many languages including English, Spanish (Español), Mandarin (普通话), and more, or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org) (for answers in English only).

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You can download this HAN at <http://www.tchd.org/259/Health-Alert-Network>

HEALTH ALERT NETWORK BROADCAST

MESSAGE ID: 04092020 08:15

FROM: CO-CDPHE

SUBJECT: HAN Advisory - Crisis Standards of Care Activated for Personal Protective Equipment and Emergency Medical Services

RECIPIENTS: Local Public Health Agencies / IPs / Clinical Labs / EDs / ID Physicians / Coroners

RECIPIENT INSTRUCTIONS: Local Public Health Agencies - Please forward to health care providers

## HEALTH ADVISORY | Colorado Crisis Standards of Care activated for PPE & EMS | April 9, 2019

Health care providers: Please distribute widely in your office

### Key points

- Governor Jared Polis has authorized, and State Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric France has activated the Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) for personal protective equipment (PPE) and emergency medical services (EMS).
- CSC for hospitals have **not** been activated as of April 9, 2020.
- The Crisis Standards of Care are available at [colorado.gov/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care](https://colorado.gov/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care)

### Background information

Crisis Standards of Care describe the medical standards of practice during times of crisis, including how the medical community should allocate scarce resources in the extreme case when health care needs exceed the resources available. The standards describe practices that can be put in place during public health emergencies and can provide extra legal liability protection to health care workers. The Governor's Expert Epidemic Response Committee (GEEERC) adopted revised standards on April 5, 2020. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment activated portions of the CSC this week. Standards for PPE and EMS currently are activated. The state is activating portions of the standards as the need for them becomes apparent.

### Recommendations / guidance

- Hospitals, health care providers, and emergency medical services should review the PPE and EMS portions of the CSC and use them as necessary.
- Additionally, health care providers and hospitals should review the CSC for hospitals, to be prepared in the event it is activated.
- Organizations adopting these care standards should inform CDPHE by [completing this short survey](#).
- [CDC Executive Summary and Core Principles](#)

- [CSC Activation](#)
- [CSC EMS](#)
- [CSC PPE](#)
- [CSC Hospital, including Crisis Triage](#)

#### **More information**

- Disability-specific issues related to COVID 19 in Colorado  
<http://www.ccdonline.org/covid-19-resources-links-and-information/>