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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alameda County EMS Providers and First Responders
FROM: Alameda County EMS Agency
DATE: March 8, 2020
RE: **Grand Princess Cruise Ship**

The Grand Princess cruise ship will be docking and disembarking their passengers at the Port of Oakland tomorrow in order to better quarantine people and care for those who are symptomatic. Passengers and crew on the cruise ship have been utilizing isolation precautions on the ship and COVID-19 testing for symptomatic people has taken place. Twenty-one people have tested positive for COVID-19, two passengers and nineteen crew members.

The Grand Princess cruise ship has been posted off the California coastline since last week, after several passengers from its previous itinerary tested positive for COVID-19. Several passengers and the crew carried over to the current itinerary and began exhibiting symptoms prompting concern.

This is a state and federal operation, with local support. As of now, the plan is to quarantine the majority of the passengers at military bases. Passengers requiring acute emergency care or higher assessment will be sent to out-of-area hospitals, and only critically ill would be sent to local or regional hospitals. Cruise ship staff will remain quarantined on their ship. No one from the ship will be released into the community.

The AMR/FEMA National Medical Transport and Support Services (NMTS) Contract has been activated to manage the patients disembarking from the cruise ship. At this time, there is no need for organizations to upstaff in preparedness for cruise ship patients.

Should the Alameda County EMS system experience a surge in the coming days, the EMS Surge Plan may be activated to assist in system response decompression.

Also, this a reminder to have a representative from your organization participate in the Alameda County EMS Providers COVID-19 Planning Conference Call Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM.

Please remember that this is a fluid event, so plans are subject to change as needed in order to maintain the health and safety of both the passengers, the community, and our health care providers.