**Emergency Update to Statewide Treatment Protocols**

# Appendix A2: Interfacility Transfer Guidelines and Protocols

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## Part F1 - Mechanical Ventilators

* All artificially ventilated patients must be transferred on a ventilator; however, if a transport ventilator is unavailable, due to its being loaned out to other health care facilities for the COVID-19 emergency, it is acceptable to use bag-valve-mask ventilation during transport for a patient who was on a ventilator at the initial site, such as a long-term care facility, home, or a sending hospital.
* Consider sedation/analgesia, remember that **paralysis is not sedation!**
* All ventilators must be able to meet the demands of the patient’s condition, taking into consideration all settings and features described or stipulated by the sending facility and / or physician.
* Ventilators may not be full control mode only and must be capable of meeting the patient’s ventilatory needs. Ventilator settings must be documented on Patient Care Report.
* On-line **Medical Control** is required for any instance when adjustment of the ventilator settings is needed.