AHA Guidance for Resuscitation When Caring for Patients With Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

This information is intended to help find the right balance between providing timely, high-quality resuscitation to patients and protecting rescuers.

Reduce Provider Exposure

- Properly don personal protective equipment before entering the scene.
- Limit the number of personnel inside the resuscitation room.

Prioritize Oxygenation and Ventilation Strategies That Minimize Aerosolization

- Use a HEPA filter for all ventilation.
- Intubate early with a cuffed tube and connect to a mechanical ventilator, if available.
- If intubation is delayed, consider using a supraglottic airway.

Consider resuscitation appropriateness. Address the goals of care in anticipation of the potential need for increased levels of care.