



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

To: All Officers and Members
From: Justin Wells, Assistant Chief *JW*
Through: Robert I. Garcia, Assistant Fire Chief *RG*
Subject: In-Line Airway Filters for Assisted Ventilations
Date: April 3, 2020

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In an effort to improve member safety, reduce the risk of exposure to infectious disease, and protect against airborne pathogens, the Department has procured a supply of In-Line Airway Filters that will be used whenever a patient is having assisted ventilations via bag-valve mask, i-gel supraglottic airway, or endotracheal tube. Members are directed to review the attachment for usage instructions and watch the training video on www.hfdmd.org under the "Training Videos" section. Direct link: <https://www.hfdmd.org/training-videos/>.

Airway filters will be dispersed to the EMS Supervisors for distribution to EMS units and will be replaced by the EMS Supervisors as used on a patient. Any questions regarding this order will be addressed through the chain of command.

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