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Optimizing Ventilator Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are working with the multiple partners: healthcare systems, academic institutions, professional medical societies, and the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to develop crisis standards of care strategies for ventilator support when resources are limited.

Materials:

[Open Letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health and the U.S. Surgeon General on Optimizing Ventilator Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic - PDF](#)

[Press Release on Optimizing the Use of Ventilators during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Additional Resources:

[The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Rapid Expert Consultation on Crisis Standards of Care for the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) [↗](#) (March 28, 2020)

[Additional Statements on Optimizing the Use of Ventilators during the COVID-19 Pandemic - PDF](#)