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URGENT: Suspending Use of Fogger Units on All GMR Aircraft

As the global COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve, so too does our response as an industry and as a company. We continue to look at existing and emerging technology and practice to enhance and ensure the continued safety of our employees and patients.

Recently, GMR procured a number of disinfecting fogger units for both air and ground fleet deployment. Unfortunately, the supplies of both the fogger and associated disinfectant are scarce, forcing GMR leaders to reassess deployment and use of these devices. Furthermore, initial testing in GMR aircraft revealed wide variances in safe application times where sensitive avionics and electrical equipment are concerned.

It is also important to note that the intent of the fogger unit was never meant to replace standard decontamination, the “standard of care” practices that have been in use for decades have been proven effective in our operating environment. All data today tells us those same “standards of care” are effective in killing the COVID-19 virus.

Given the challenges noted above, **we are suspending the use of fogging units on all GMR aircraft** upon the receipt of this communication. If you currently have a fogger unit and the associated disinfectant solution, please contact your Regional Command Logistics officer to re-assign the device and solution.

The **GMR Air and Ground Vehicle COVID-19 Decontamination Standards** have been updated to reflect this change. We have added additional PPE and disinfectant supply information to the Standards document, as well.

We remain committed to identifying and assessing best practices in all areas to ensure we continue to maintain the highest standards of safety for our providers and the patients they serve.

Message distributed to all GMR employees