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Epidemiologist calls for drastic actions to keep EMS system from collapse

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EMS Compact declared operational

The interstate personnel licensing system was approved to begin operations early to help agencies impacted by COVID-19

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MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice has declared the interstate EMS Personnel Licensure Compact operational effective Monday, March 16, [ahead of its scheduled go-live date](#).

The Commission voted to allow the process to go forward in order to help EMS agencies [impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak](#) address personnel issues. The Compact allows EMS providers licensed in one member state to practice in another member state without the need to earn a separate license in that state.


"We already know of EMS personnel in states around the country who are in quarantine from occupational contacts with suspected ill patients. For many EMS agencies, the loss of a few key personnel for two weeks, even if they don't become ill, can stress daily operations," said Commission Chair Joe Schmider. "The EMS Compact was built in part



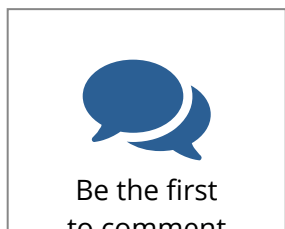
EMS Compact Commission approves use of the EMS Compact process effective Monday March 16, 2020 in response to personnel needs associated with COVID-19.

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