Issues Encountered by Prehospital Response

1. Personal Protective Equipment
   - NIOSH-approved PPE
   - Mask approval research
   - PAPR use not approved near exhaust fumes
   - Facial hair policies
   - Long-distance transports in full PPE
   - Current CDC standards for healthcare professionals*
     *as opposed to standards for the general public

2. Response Issues
   - Unknown patient status in emergency medical services environment
   - Inconsistency among facilities on providing patient’s COVID-19 status
   - Current CDC standards for healthcare professionals*
     *as opposed to standards for the general public

3. Administrative Issues
   - ICU use and staffing
   - Navigation of evolving standards and guidelines
   - PPE management
   - Tracking and documenting quarantine and exposure time periods
   - PPE and decontamination education

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