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RE: Antipyretic Medication Usage

PrimeCare Medical Employees / Medical Providers

The World Health Organization (WHO) has theorized that the use of Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, etc.) may possibly boost the amount of ACE2 receptors that the virus uses to infect cells and could make the COVID-19 virus spread faster through the infected individual and may worsen their condition. In addition, the use of antipyretic (fever reducing) medications such as NSAIDS (Ibuprofen, Naproxen), Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Salicylates (Aspirin) can mask a fever, making it difficult to detect the early onset of COVID-19.

Until further notice, no NSAIDs, Acetaminophen, and Salicylates should be given without first contacting a medical provider for orders. Any current nursing sick call (NSC) that provides an option for NSAIDs, Acetaminophen, and Salicylates should not be selected as an intervention unless a medical provider is consulted first. Any provider order for NSAIDs, Acetaminophen, or Salicylates should also include documentation related to any variance from this directive.

If you have any questions or require clarification related to this directive, contact your chain of command for clarification.