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5 reasons hospitals are safe for heart, stroke emergencies — *even in the pandemic*

Although COVID-19 has changed the world, it hasn't changed the fact that hospitals are the safest place to be if there's a heart attack, stroke or other medical emergency.

Delaying the 911 call that gets you to the hospital can be dangerous — even deadly.

Here's why the coronavirus shouldn't make you hesitate or doubt you need emergency help.

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Hospitals are following infection control protocols to sanitize, socially distance and keep infected people away from others.

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Calling 911 immediately is still your best chance of surviving an emergency.

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Emergency room workers know what to do, even when things seem chaotic.

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Year in and year out, heart disease and stroke are the top two killers worldwide.

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Fast care is the key to survival.

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