



Shared Health Emergency Response Services

General - Safe Work Procedure

Transport of Known or Suspect COVID-19 Patients



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Hazards Present:	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):	Minimum Training Requirement:
Biohazard	Gloves Protective eyewear Gown N95 Respirator mask or Reusable Half Mask Procedure Mask or Reusable Half Mask Face Shield	Emergency Medical Responder

Purpose:	Indications:
<p>To minimize the risk of exposure during the transport of a known or suspect COVID-19 patient.</p> <p><i>This procedure assumes the appropriate PPE has been donned for known or suspect COVID-19 patients; Gloves, Gown, Protective Eyewear, N95 Respirator</i></p>	<p>Transportation of patients with an increased index of suspicion for COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza Like Illness (ILI): Fever, cough, shortness of breath and may include one or more of the following; runny nose, sore throat, muscle aches, or fatigue. Has been tested positive for COVID-19 Close contact (inside two (2) meters for 10 minutes or greater) within the past 14 day with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or suspect to be positive for COVID-19 Laboratory exposure while working directly with specimens known to contain COVID-19 Close contact (inside two (2) meters for 10 minutes or greater) within the past 14 day with someone who is ill with ILI that has traveled within the last 14 days

Equipment:	Contraindications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves Protective eyewear Gown N95 Respirator (for AGMPs) or Reusable Half Mask Procedure Mask or Reusable Half Mask with protective eyewear (Driver) Face Shield (for AGMPs) 	None

Safe Work Procedure

Patient Care Provider (Attendant):

- Maintain the appropriate PPE for droplet and contact precautions: Gloves, gown, protective eyewear, procedure mask or reusable half mask
 - If Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) are required refer to Safe Work Procedure – Requirements for AGMPs During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Maintain appropriate PPE on the patient: procedure mask, or advanced airway management
- Utilize the rear ambulance doors for all patient entry, and maintain the side patient compartment



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door as a clean exit door only

4. Secure the patient on the stretcher using the five (5) point harness system and all other appropriate patient restraint devices
5. Turn on rear exhaust ventilation system to the highest setting
6. Minimize surface contacts and equipment utilization to only that equipment that is immediately required for patient care

Driver:

1. Prior to exiting the patient compartment:
 - a. Remove medical gloves using glove-to-glove, skin-to-skin technique
 - b. Perform hand hygiene with Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer
 - c. Remove gown: Start by unfastening the ties. Then, beginning at the back of your shoulders, pull the gown down over your arms. Roll the gown off and away from you and discard
 - d. Perform hand hygiene with Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer
2. Exit the patient care compartment through the clean side patient compartment door
3. Remove face shield, if applicable – see **Safe Work Procedure for Extended PPE for AGMP during the COVID-19 Pandemic**
(Leave your protective eye wear and mask/respirator on until transfer of care has occurred at the hospital)
4. Leave Safety Glasses on (Clean with approved disinfectant wipes after transfer of care has occurred)
5. Leave the procedure mask or reusable half mask on until transfer of care has occurred at the hospital
6. Perform hand hygiene with Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer
7. Place the doffed face shield (if applicable) in the foot well of the side patient compartment door (this can be discarded or cleaned after transfer of care has occurred at the healthcare facility)



8. Perform hand hygiene with Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer
9. Enter the driver compartment of the ambulance and prepare for scene departure
10. Open the outside air vents in the driver compartment, to ensure air is not recirculating in the vehicle (the light should be **OFF** indicating that the system is drawing air from outside the vehicle)



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a. This will create a negative pressure gradient in the patient compartment



11. Notify the receiving healthcare facility that the patient has an increased suspicion for COVID-19

On Arrival at the Healthcare Facility:

Driver:

1. Don a gown ensuring gown wraps around the back
2. Perform hand hygiene with Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer
3. Don medical gloves; ensure cuffs of gloves are secure over cuff of gown
4. Open the rear ambulance doors, and utilizing appropriate lifting and handling techniques remove the patient from the ambulance

Both Providers:

5. Keep the patient separated from other people as much as possible on arrival at the healthcare facility, and move the patient to the appropriate area as directed by healthcare facility staff
6. Maintain the appropriate PPE during patient handover
7. Doff PPE as per Shared Health Doffing PPE Guidelines after patient handover

****Refer to Safety and Health Guidelines should an exposure or injury occur****

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MR 217/2006 Part 6: Personal Protective Equipment
 CDC Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>
 Donning and Doffing PPE:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5ew8020fwc&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lly8DjGcvDM&feature=youtu.be>