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## Standard Operating Guideline – 20-02

### Medical Response to Suspected Coronavirus 2019 Disease Patients

**Purpose:** Response to Suspected and confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Patients Operational Guideline.

**Scope:** All fire department personnel.

#### ALL PATIENTS

- Limit the contact of patients and equipment
  - On Scene:
    - The Apparatus Officer should designate no more than 2 members who will make patient contact
    - Every attempt should be made to perform the initial assessment and COVID-19 screening from a distance of no less than 6 feet
    - Leave one of the 2 providers and equipment outside of the room until needed, etc.
  - At the ambulance
    - Limit the number of personnel in the patient compartment of the ambulance
- Ventilation:
  - After loading a patient, keep doors open until just before departure (weather permitting)

All LCFC Members who have direct patient care will take a proactive approach to avoid exposure to any potentially COVID-19 positive patient without symptoms. The proactive approach for ALL patient contacts will involve use of BSI to include:

- Surgical-type face mask
- Eye protection
  - Eye protection should be decontaminated between patient contacts
- Disposable Gloves
- Disposable Gown or Tyvek Suit

ALL patients needing an aerosolized or invasive treatment, such as nebulizer or intubation, will require additional BSI to include:

- N95 mask in place of the surgical-type mask
  - N95 masks may be used for more than one patient contact per manufacturer and OEMS guidelines
- Disposable gown

#### COVID-19 SUSPECTED PATIENTS

This Standard Operating Guideline is to be used for any patient who has symptoms of a respiratory viral illness, fever or respiratory symptoms or direct exposure to a positive COVID-19 patient.

Personnel shall follow the OEMS guidelines listed in Table 1 (below). In addition, personnel shall follow the following procedures. For any actual or perceived conflict between the guidelines and procedures, the provider shall take the more BSI protective option.

1. If you arrive on scene and the patient falls into the above parameters, Follow standard, contact and airborne precautions (PPE) to include the following.
  - a. Mask the patient using a surgical/procedure mask.
  - b. All responders need to wear a surgical/procedure mask for direct patient care. If you will be performing an aerosol-generating procedure such as suctioning, BVM or intubation you will need to use a N95 mask.
  - c. Gown, Gloves and eye protection for each person providing care.
  - d. Minimize the exposure. If other agencies are not needed such as the Fire Department, Police Department or ALS. Cancel or release them.
    - a. If you are on scene first. Notify all incoming units to utilize universal precautions.
2. All PPE is to be disposed of after the patient care is completed.
3. The Engine Officer needs to notify the Fire Chief of the patient name, address of patient and destination. This will be logged in the Company infectious disease log. The names of the providers who were involved with patient care will be included with any agencies on scene.
4. All equipment and unit surfaces will be wiped down with sani wipe.
5. Replace all PPE on the unit that was used on the call