

# Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

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## Standard Operating Guideline – 20-03

### Members Exposed to a confirmed positive Coronavirus 2019 Disease Patient

**Purpose:** Members exposed to a COVID-19 positive patient and the procedure to maintain member safety and operational readiness.

**Scope:** All fire department personnel.

Potential Scenario: A patient may have been treated by LCFC Members. Who is later identified to test positive for COVID-19.

#### Path-flow:

- As COVID-19 cases are assessed and tested, hospitals are notifying the State Health Operations Center (SHOC). The SHOC is notifying the Fire Chief officer (or designee).
- The Fire Chief will be the principle point-of-contact (POC) for positive test notifications for all LCFC Members..
- The Fire Chief or designee will ensure the following:
  - The affected members are notified immediately.
    - Identify risk strata of EMS employee(s) using the CDC risk strata chart
      - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>
      - See table below.
    - Members will be contacted by Department of Health to advise them of next steps. Which may include testing, Exams etc.
  - Any other partner agency we have on record will be notified.
- Monitoring Plans (from table below)
  - "Active" monitoring for High and Medium exposure categories:
    - Members are excluded from Fire Department for 14 days from exposure
    - Members will self-monitor for the following symptoms:
      - Fever (by digital thermometer >98.6F) – Yes/No
      - Cough – Yes/No
      - Shortness of breath – Yes/No
      - Sore throat – Yes/No
    - Members will notify the Fire Chief or Designee of any change in condition.
  - "Self with Delegated Supervision" for Low exposure categories:
    - Employee will self-monitor for the following symptoms:
      - Fever (by digital thermometer >98.6F) – Yes/No
      - Cough – Yes/No
      - Shortness of breath – Yes/No
      - Sore throat – Yes/No
    - Members will be permitted to report to Fire House if all symptoms are negative
    - Members will notify Fire Chief or Designee if any answers are yes.

Epidemiologic risk factors	Exposure category	Recommended Monitoring for COVID-19 (until 14 days after last potential exposure)	Work Restrictions for Asymptomatic HCP
<b>Prolonged close contact with a COVID-19 patient who was wearing a facemask (i.e., source control)</b>			
HCP PPE: None	Medium	Active	Exclude from work for 14 days after last exposure
HCP PPE: Not wearing a facemask or respirator	Medium	Active	Exclude from work for 14 days after last exposure
HCP PPE: Not wearing eye protection	Low	Self with delegated supervision	None
HCP PPE: Not wearing gown or gloves <sup>a</sup>	Low	Self with delegated supervision	None
HCP PPE: Wearing all recommended PPE (except wearing a facemask instead of a respirator)	Low	Self with delegated supervision	None
<b>Prolonged close contact with a COVID-19 patient who was not wearing a facemask (i.e., no source control)</b>			
HCP PPE: None	High	Active	Exclude from work for 14 days after last exposure
HCP PPE: Not wearing a facemask or respirator	High	Active	Exclude from work for 14 days after last exposure
HCP PPE: Not wearing eye protection <sup>b</sup>	Medium	Active	Exclude from work for 14 days after last exposure
HCP PPE: Not wearing gown or gloves <sup>a,b</sup>	Low	Self with delegated supervision	None
HCP PPE: Wearing all recommended PPE (except wearing a facemask instead of a respirator) <sup>2</sup>	Low	Self with delegated supervision	None