

Protocols for response during COVID-19 Risks

- ◆ Minimum number of volunteers should respond. IC should stand down any unnecessary volunteers as soon as possible

Minimize POV response.

Maintain social distancing

If more than one volunteer is traveling in a vehicle to an incident, put on your mask and gloves before entering the vehicle

Any medical or trauma response:

- Only one EMT dressed in full PPE will come within 6 feet of the patient for evaluation and treatment. Initially take only the primary response kit. All other volunteers will stay a minimum of 20 feet or further away from the patient.

*if patient not critical – assess time for UCH EMS to get to scene before entering. Scene Safety is essential. Take all proper precautions for **yourself** and the patient.

Any call with flu like symptoms the following protocols should be followed:

- ◆ All responders should wear mask, goggles and gloves when exiting their vehicle
- ◆ Any volunteer with health issues should not respond
- ◆ Any sick volunteer should not respond
- ◆ Only one ambulance should respond
- ◆ If patient appears to have COVID-19, we will wait for the UCHealth ambulance to arrive - no transporting in our ambulance. We do not have the capability to disinfect our ambulances thoroughly.
- ◆ PPE worn by EMT working with the patient shall be removed and safely stored before EMT enters fire department vehicle
- ◆ It should be assumed that anyone with flu like symptoms has COVID-19, thus all vehicles used should be sprayed with disinfectant when returned to the station and volunteers are encouraged to take precautions before entering their homes

- ◆ If we are informed that a patient did test positive for COVID-19 all volunteers on the call should stay in isolation for 14 days.

On Any Patient

- Mask the patient.
- Any responder within 6 feet must mask as well as gloves and eye protection

Suspected or Known CoVid-19 Patient

- Mask the patient.
- Responders within 6 feet: full PPE (mask, eye protection, gown, gloves) and only as few responders as possible working with patient and they should be wearing full PPE

DOFFING PPE (do so at scene before re-entering vehicle)

- Gloves, gown, eye protection*, mask
- All PPE (save eye protection for decon and re-use) placed in bag and put in ambulance if available. Deposit bag in assigned receptacle at station if ambulance has left.
- Decon all equipment, and consider if you need to shower and change clothes at home.

PRIMARY RESPONSE KIT: In Ziplock Bag (BP, Stethoscope, Thermometer, Pulse Ox, Mask for patient)

NOTE: Minimum PPE on any medical or vehicle accident should be mask and gloves

If you are sick and cannot respond, please inform Chief Collins. If you believe you may have been in contact with an infectious patient without PPE, contact Chief Collins 970-881-2472 or EMT coordinator Amy Maddox 970-493-4760 or 970 222-8281.