# COVID-19 Screening

### Description

- a. This guideline helps prehospital providers evaluate, screen for, and decide whether or not to transport a suspected Novel Coronavirus 19 (COVID 19) Patient.
- b. If questions regarding care or transport contact Medical Directors through Pulsara

Dispatch will utilize predesignated screening questions via the Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Surveillance Tool via EMD protocols and notify responding agencies if a patient has a <u>NEGATIVE</u> or <u>POSITIVE</u> screen

NO POSITIVE Screening Questions

YES

Do NOT rely solely on EMD personnel to identify a potential exposure patient:

- EMD may be constrained by time and caller information
- Obtain your own history and assess for clinical signs and symptoms
- Limit the number of providers to those necessary for care (2 in/2 Out)
- One provider enters in full PPE and assesses the need for additional resources
- If the patient can self-apply a mask, give him/her one from a distance. Otherwise, place a mask on the patient.
- When possible, avoid Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)

# Does the patient have?

• Fever, S/Sx of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath), and/or diarrhea

YES NO Exit to Appropriate Guideline

Negative Box A

AND

**Negative Box B** 

**Negative Box A** 

**AND** 

Positive Box B

Positive Box A

# <u>Patient</u>:

- Place surgical mask, have the patient cover mouth and nose when coughing
- If oxygen needed, use NRB Mask with a surgical mask placed over it; AVOID AGPs

Prehospital Providers: Utilize contact, droplet, and airborne precautions

- Gloves AND gown AND Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
- Surgical mask or Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) (any provider in the ambulance cab)
  - o Reserve N-95 masks for confirmed COVID-19 patients

# A Objective Criteria

- RR <8 or >20
- O<sub>2</sub> Saturation <90%
- HR >100 or age appropriate
- SBP < 100 >180 or age appropriate
- GCS < 15
- EtCO<sub>2</sub> between <30 or >55 mmHg
- Syncope
- Significant respiratory distress
- Diaphoresis or cyanosis
- · Chest pain other than with coughing
- Inability to care for themselves/not safe to leave in place
- Provider discretion

# Risk factors

- Age ≤ 2 ≥ 60 years
- Diabetes, COPD or lung disease
- Heart disease (CHF, CABG, Coronary disease)
- Immunosuppression cancer undergoing chemotherapy, transplant patient, HIV, etc.)

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# Self Quarntine

- Give standard COVID-19 Home Care Instructions
- If needed administer ACETAMINOPHEN

# Non-EMS Transport

- Private vehicle
- Scheduled ambulance transport
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party same day transport
- Telemedicine

### EMS Transport

- Notify the receiving facility as soon as possible to allow for room and equipment preparation
- Coordinate with receiving facility staff prior to entering hospital
- Provide General Supportive Care

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