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MD1 COVID-19 Guidelines For All Agencies

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Clinical Practice Guidelines Until Further Notice

If a patient has no complaints and only wants to go to the hospital to be tested for COVID-19, they are not to be considered a patient and transport is not required.

A chart should be completed for any patient interaction.

Verbal refusals are acceptable until further notice, however, written refusal in PPE are preferred in asymptomatic patients.

N95 masks can be reused, as per CDC guidelines, up to eight hours. This period can be extended to a 24 hour period if patient contact is intermittent (such as EMS requests). Store in a paper bag. Perform hand hygiene before putting on and after taking off mask. The exception is if the mask becomes soiled for any reason. If surgical masks are available to an organization **and are in good supply**, it is recommended to put a surgical mask over the N95 to prevent soiling and change the surgical masks out between patients. N95 masks only need to be worn if a provider is within six feet of a patient and near the patients airway or droplet/aerosolized material, otherwise a surgical mask may be worn if available. Routine use of masks when not interacting with patients and when maintaining social distancing is not recommended.

Limit the number of providers with patient contact at all times. Attempt to limit any nebulizer/CPAP to outside the back of the ambulance whenever possible. Do not intubate in place of nebulizer/CPAP.

PPE is not to be removed until you are no longer caring for a patient.

Lets us know if you have any extra supplies of PPE so we can help distribute.

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