



COVID-19 Quick Reference Guide

Napa County EMS Agency

PPE for All Patients:

1. Gloves – One Time Use
2. Gown – One Time Use
3. Full-face shield or goggles (Re-usable for 24hrs)
4. N95 respirator or P100 (Re-usable for 24hrs)
 - a. If not available, use a surgical mask
5. **All patients with any concern for respiratory illness of any kind should have a surgical mask applied immediately.**

General Guidelines/Best Practices:

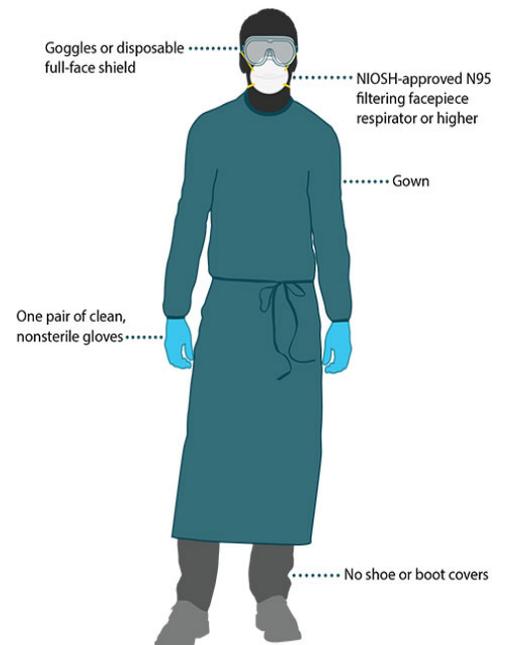
1. Assume that possible COVID-19 patients may have called EMS with a non-respiratory complaint (syncope, fall, cardiac arrest)
2. Begin assessment from > 6 feet distance
3. Limit the number of providers with patient contact to minimum needed to safely treat
4. Do not rely on dispatch pre-arrival screening to catch all possible screened positive patients
5. Necessary PPE readily available on all calls

EMS/Transport Procedures:

1. PPE procedures activated for close contact responders
2. Place surgical mask on patient
3. Limit treatment activities unless patient is unstable. Prepare medication and equipment (IV kit) in advance when possible.
4. Cardiac arrest management: All personnel in contact with the patient (i.e. doing compressions, assisting with airway, giving medications) should be in full PPE.
5. Airway management:
 - a. ***In cardiac arrest patients:*** Avoid BVM to face utilization. For the first three cycles of compressions (i.e. first six minutes) place a non-rebreather mask on the patient with 15L of oxygen. Place a surgical mask over the NRB to minimize spread of possible viral particles. Once three cycles have been completed and a King tube is available, place the King tube and continue the code.



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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

