



COVID-19 Best Practice Scout Model Guideline

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The scout strategy is designed to reduce the risk of COVID - 19 exposure, preserve PPE, and continue to deliver the highest –standard of patient care.

NO NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL IN THE HOT ZONE.

Consider: BC's, MSO, Chaplain, PD. Exit civilians and public outside of hot zone with a mask for interview.

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Dispatch Center will attempt to identify high-risk COVID-19 calls and have the patient meet EMS at door if possible.

Quick Jump Kit carried by Scout:
Jump Kit should be easily deconned and contain extra PPE and equipment to achieve primary assessment.

SCOUT WITH COVID PPE MAKES PATIENT CONTACT*

Patient assessment at 6 feet if possible.
Patient wears mask if able.
All others will maintain, at minimum, voice contact and remain outside the Hot Zone.

Determine COVID-19 Risk:

- Confirmed COVID-19 positive test
- Symptoms: Fever, cough, respiratory difficulty
- Known contact with COVID-19 positive person
- Recent visit to SNF

Mobilize PPE protected personnel based on circumstances.

Negative Risk for COVID-19

Proceed with routine patient care.

NOT SICK

- Initial Vitals
- Advise of additional needs
- If able, walk Patient to door

Mobilize additional crew with PPE to provide care as necessary.

Positive Risk for COVID-19

Sick/Not Sick

SICK

Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed

Use minimum number of providers to safely treat and move patient

Move to open air or well-ventilated area when possible

Prep second Medic for needs in Medic Unit if transporting immediately

CARDIAC ARREST

Initial crew at the same time of initiating care immediately determines if patient is a High Risk COVID Patient.
Don PPE at earliest opportunity (en route if possible)

3 EMT's with MEGG + 2 Medics with MEGG
Additional personnel outside of Hot Zone ready to deploy with MEGG.

Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed

Assure High Performance CPR

Keep MEGG on throughout resuscitation and transport.

*COVID PPE based on Department Policy

Transport Decisions: See Best Practice Transport Guideline