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 **NEGATIVE** or **POSITIVE** screen

POSITIVE Screening Questions

NO ← → **YES**

NO:
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)

YES:
- 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)

BOX 1

Does the patient have?
- Fever or S/Sx of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)

BOX 2

Within the Last 14 Days:
- Anyone who has had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes, or cohabitation) with a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 patient
- Anyone who has been hospitalized
- Any symptomatic healthcare worker who has treated a potentially infected patient (S/Sx resp illness)

Any Person:
- Who lives in a residential facility/nursing home
- With high risk for severe illness (Age $\geq$ 60, Immunocompromised, Diabetes, Cancer, Heart/Lung/Kidney Disease, etc.)
- Who is under investigation for respiratory illness by Public Health officials

DOES THE PATIENT MEET AT LEAST 1 CRITERIA FROM BOTH BOX 1 AND 2 → **NO** → **Exit to Appropriate Guideline**

YES

PPE →

Patient:
- Place surgical mask
- If unable to tolerate 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
- Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
- Surgical mask or Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) (any provider in the ambulance cab)
    - Reserve N-95 masks for confirmed COVID-19 patients
- Gloves AND gown

Transport Decision

Transport

NO / **YES**

NO:
Give standard COVID-19 Home Care Instructions
If needed administer *ACETAMINOPHEN*

Non-Transport Criteria	Transport Criteria
• RR >8 or <20	• Age $\geq$ 60
• O$_2$ Saturation >90%	• CP other than with coughing
• HR <100	• Syncope
• SBP between 100-180 or normal age	• Significant respiratory distress
• GCS of 15	• Diaphoresis or cyanosis
• EtCO$_2$ between 30-55 mmHg	• Provider discretion
	• Inability to care for themselves/not safe to leave in place

YES:
- 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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