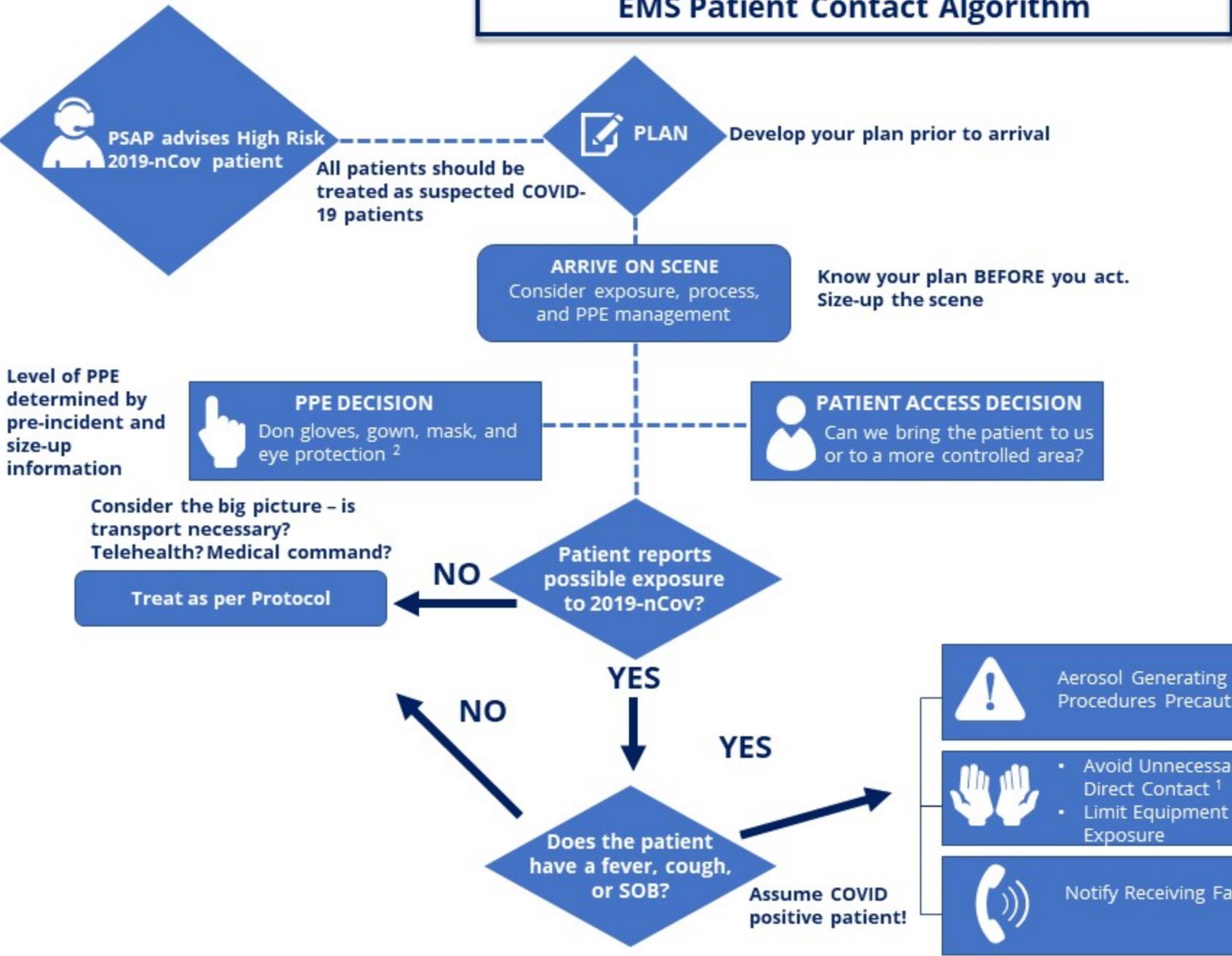


EMS Patient Contact Algorithm



First Responder Precautions

- Stay 6 feet away (preferably outside) while interviewing to avoid aerosolized/droplet transmission
- Remain alert to individuals attempting to intentionally spread virus via various methods of exposure
- Wear PPE - examination gloves, eye protection, N95/masks for suspected infected individuals, and gowns for medical response
- Decontaminate surfaces and dispose of PPE as necessary after decontaminating equipment and vehicle
- Follow CDC guidelines when donning and doffing PPE to avoid contamination of self and others

Level of PPE determined by pre-incident and size-up information

PPE DECISION
Don gloves, gown, mask, and eye protection²

PATIENT ACCESS DECISION
Can we bring the patient to us or to a more controlled area?

Consider the big picture - is transport necessary?
Telehealth? Medical command?

Treat as per Protocol

Aerosol Generating Procedures Precautions³
• Avoid Unnecessary Direct Contact¹
• Limit Equipment Exposure

Notify Receiving Facility

Decontaminate vehicle/equipment wearing gloves, mask, and gown⁴

Doff PPE after patient care transfer (mask last)

Patient transfer to receiving facility