EMS Patient Contact Algorithm

**PSAP advises High Risk 2019-nCoV patient**

All patients should be treated as suspected COVID-19 patients

**PLAN**

Develop your plan prior to arrival

**ARRIVE ON SCENE**

Consider exposure, process, and PPE management

Know your plan BEFORE you act. Size-up the scene

**PPE DECISION**

Don gloves, gown, mask, and eye protection

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

**PATIENT ACCESS DECISION**

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

**Patient reports possible exposure to 2019-nCov?**

YES

NO

**Does the patient have a fever, cough, or SOB?**

NO

YES

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

**Aerosol Generating Procedures Precautions**

- Avoid Unnecessary Direct Contact
- Limit Equipment Exposure

**Notify Receiving Facility**

**Patient transfer to receiving facility**

**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

**Decontaminate vehicle/equipment wearing gloves, mask, and gown**

**Doff PPE after patient care transfer (mask last)**

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