

PPE for EMS & Home Health

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Dispatch

Wear **GLOVES, SURGICAL MASK** and **EYE PROTECTION** on **ALL CALLS**
(**FACE SHIELDS** preferred for eye protection)

ONE PROVIDER on scene **ASSESS** patient from >6 feet away

No other providers should be brought into initial assessment unless clinically required

Any of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Nasal Congestion
- Body Aches/Fatigue
- Headache

If **YES**

Apply **SURGICAL MASKS** to crew if not already wearing. Then approach patient

Any **Aerosolizing Procedures**

- Nebulizer treatment
- CPAP
- Intubation
- SGA (LMA, King, etc.)
- Suctioning
- BVM
- CPR

Crew must don **GOWNS** and **N95**

Patient must be **SOURCE CONTROLLED** by placing a surgical mask on them.

Maintain surgical mask prior to arrival at EMS Triage.

If unable to do so due to facial features or medical procedures, pre-notify receiving facility ahead of time.

Driving?

1. **DON** all appropriate PPE on scene
2. **DOFF** all PPE **EXCEPT** mask **BEFORE** entering ambulance cab
3. Have PPE accessible from **exterior** of the ambulance
4. **DON** appropriate PPE again upon arrival at the hospital

DONNING PPE

1. Gown
2. Mask
3. Goggles
4. Gloves

DOFFING PPE

1. Remove Gloves
2. Remove Gown
3. Hand Hygiene
4. Don Fresh Gloves
5. Remove Goggles
6. Clean and disinfect Goggles (& reusable PPE)
7. Remove/Store Mask
8. Remove Gloves
9. Hand Hygiene

After **EVERY** call

1. **Clean and disinfect** ambulance
2. Doff PPE
3. **Clean and disinfect** reusable PPE
4. Appropriately discard disposable PPE
5. Store face mask or N-95 if it will be re-used
6. Hand hygiene

**Agencies may adjust these recommendations based on risk assessment in their area, availability of PPE, or future CDC, WHO, or local health department recommendations.

**This guidance derived from recommendations on CDC.gov on 04/15/2020 & WHO PPE for COVID guidance published 2/27/20.