The Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread in California as well as worldwide. The primary purpose of this bulletin is to provide general operational direction to enhance the protection of our local, state and federal fire personnel. The intent is to provide general guidance when responding on service calls involving persons displaying typical viral symptoms. FIRESCOPE shares the following information regarding best practices and methods to minimize exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The following information graphic can be reproduced and used as a guide for personnel in the field.

The available information on COVID-19 has been rapidly evolving and dynamic. The most up to date available information regarding COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

The Centers for Disease Control


International Association of Fire Chiefs

- [https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/coronavirus-resources-for-fire-chiefs](https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/coronavirus-resources-for-fire-chiefs)

International Association of Fire Fighters

- [www.iaff.org/coronavirus](http://www.iaff.org/coronavirus)

California Professional Fire Fighters

- [www.cpf.org](http://www.cpf.org)

California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

- [https://covid19.ca.gov/](https://covid19.ca.gov/)
Potentially Infectious Symptoms

Exercise one (1) in - All others out

Patient Assessment:
- Respiratory - fever, cough, SOB
- At-risk travel in past 14 days
- Contact with confirmed COVID-19

Full PPE
- Surgical Mask & Glasses MINIMUM
- Put Surgical Mask on patient ASAP
- Bring Patient Outside
- Verbally assess:
  - Respiratory
  - Fever, cough, SOB
  - At-risk travel in past 14 days
  - Contact with confirmed COVID-19

Patient Treatment - High Risk & INFD

LIMIT
- to essential personnel & equipment

DON
- Gown
- Goggles/ Face Shield
- N95 Mask
- Gloves

MASK
- put surgical mask on patient and other sick people

CAUTION
- with aerosol generating procedures - Full PPE

NOTIFY
- ambulance & hospital early

‘1 In” Assist EMT
- (in PPE)
- Windows closed
- Exhaust fan on Cab - AC ON

Doff PPE
- (High risk!)
- Discard PPE
- Decon equipment
- Wash hands & clothing

Make Exposure Notifications

FC to BC to Duty Chief to Designated Infection Control Officer.
Resupply PPE used