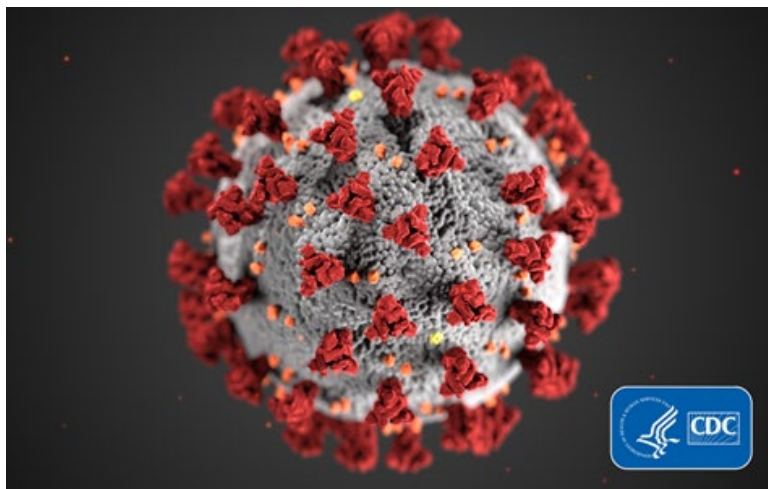


EMS Transport of PUI or Patient with Confirmed COVID-19



Risk Factors, Signs & Symptoms for COVID-19

- I. Fever **OR** respiratory symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing), **AND**
- II. Travel to China or other location with confirmed community transmission* **OR** close contact with a patient with known or suspected COVID-19 in the past 14 days before symptom onset.

Patient Transport

If patient with an exposure history and signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 requires transport to a healthcare facility for further evaluation and management, the following actions should occur during transport:

- EMS personnel follow **Standard, Contact and Airborne Precautions**, including eye protection
- EMS personnel notify the receiving healthcare facility of patient exposure history and signs & symptoms.
- Keep patient separated from other people as much as possible
- Family members and other contacts of patients with possible COVID-19 should **not** ride in the transport vehicle. If riding in transport vehicle, they should wear a facemask.
- Isolate the ambulance driver from the patient compartment and keep pass-through doors and windows tightly shut.
- When possible, use vehicles that have isolated driver and patient compartments that can provide separate ventilation in each area.
- Follow routine procedures for a transfer of the patient to the receiving healthcare facility.

Documentation of patient care

Documentation of patient care should be done after EMS personnel have completed transport, removed PPE, and performed hand hygiene. Include listing of EMS personnel and public safety providers involved in the response and level of contact with the patient.

Cleaning & Disinfection following Transport

- After transporting the patient, leave rear doors of transport vehicle open to allow air out vehicle of infectious particles.
- EMS personnel should wear PPE when cleaning the vehicle.
- Follow SOPs for routine cleaning and disinfection using products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are recommended for use against SARS-CoV-2 (virus that causes COVID-19).
- Follow SOPs for containment and disposal of use PPE and regulated medical waste and for containing and laundering used linen; avoid shaking the linen.