COVID-19 Best Practice
Scout Model Guideline

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The scout strategy is designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure, preserve PPE, and continue to deliver the highest standard of patient care.

NO NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL IN THE HOT ZONE.
Consider: BC’s, MSO, Chaplain, PD. Exit civilians and public outside of hot zone with a mask for interview.

**9-1-1**
Dispatch Center will attempt to identify high-risk COVID-19 calls and have the patient meet EMS at door if possible.

**SCOUT DONS PPE & MAKES PATIENT CONTACT**
Patient assessment at 6 feet if possible.
Patient wears mask if able.
Maintain situational awareness and line of sight with crew.
Remaining crew will remain outside the Hot Zone.

Quick Jump Kit carried by Scout:
Jump Kit should be easily deconned and contain extra PPE and equipment to achieve primary assessment.

**Determine COVID-19 Risk:**
- Confirmed COVID-19 positive test
- Symptoms: Fever, cough, respiratory difficulty
- Known contact with COVID-19 positive person
- Recent visit to Skilled Nursing Facility

**Announce over the Radio appropriate level of PPE for all incoming personnel.**

**Cardiac Arrest**
All Cardiac Arrest patients are considered High Risk due to aerosolized droplets from patient during procedures. All personnel in the hot zone need to be in full MEGG. To minimize delay at scene, consider having anyone who can safely do so Don MEGG en route.

**3 EMT’s with MEGG + 2 Medics with MEGG**
Additional personnel outside of Hot Zone ready to deploy with MEGG.

**Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed.**

**Assure High Performance CPR**

**Keep MEGG on throughout resuscitation and transport.**

**NOT SICK**
- Initial Vitals
- Advise of additional needs
- If able, walk Patient to door

Mobilize additional crew with PPE to provide care as necessary.

**SICK**

Determine resource needs and call in personnel as needed

Use minimum number of providers to safely treat and move patient.

Move to open air or well-ventilated area when possible.

Prep second Medic for needs in Medic Unit if transporting immediately

Transport Decisions: See Best Practice Transport Guideline

*COVID PPE based on Department Policy*