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Glasgow/Long Run Fire Department COVID-19 procedure

This SOP is written to limit exposure and spread of COVID-19 until otherwise updated

Regular meeting will take place via electronic sources until further notice

Any department interactions will follow the outlined procedures until further notice

CLOSE CONTACT: 6 feet of separation between persons when applicable. No gatherings of more than 10 persons unless an emergency requires otherwise

CLEANING: Recommended routine cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace such as, door handles, keyboards, workstations, countertops, doorknobs, etc.;

CLEANING COMPOUNDS: Use either or both recommendations below.

1. All contaminated surfaces: Use cleaning compounds 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) of household unscented bleach per gallon of water with at least 60 seconds of contact time.

2. Sanitizers on the EPA list must only be used in accordance with label instructions.

ALL WORKERS: All workers exhibiting illness symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath should be separated from other workers and the public, and are strongly advised to stay home until not sick; if traveling back from an area with active COVID-19 cases you are required to self-isolate for 14 days. If you have a symptoms or other concerns please advise your supervisor.

HANDWASHING: Wash hands after contaminating them from cough, sneezes, using the toilet, patient care, etc.

TOUCHING: Avoid touching your face whenever possible, especially with contaminated hands.

When responding to a call for service involving a patient or citizen requiring a service the following precautions shall be taken;

Stop and think,

Could this person be carrying COVID-19, anyone could, place a N95 or better respirator on yourself if making patient contact, limit patient contact, ask the patient if they have been in contact with anyone who may have been sick, or if they themselves have any of the following symptoms;

Fever

Cough

Shortness of breath

Then,

Place a Mask on the patient and continue patient care using regular emergency care PPE including gloves and eye protection.

The number of members providing direct patient care should be limited to the least amount possible, not impeding patient care or mitigation of the current hazard on the call.

Report any possible COVID-19 contamination or exposure to a person in a responsible role.

The information below was provided from the Valley County Commissioners regarding the coverage provided by Workers’ Compensation in the event a member contracts COVID-19.

“Any claim submitted to the Workers’ Compensation Trust will be reviewed on a case by case basis. In that each case would be different with various levels of work and non-work related exposure, there is no presumption of coverage. Should a claim be presented to you, please submit the first report of injury (FROI) to the Trust for review and determination.”

With that in mind, it is at the member’s discretion as to whether he/she wants to respond to a call for service involving a patient or citizen requiring a service. If a member chooses not to currently respond to a call for service due to the COVID-19 outbreak please inform a member in a responsible role.