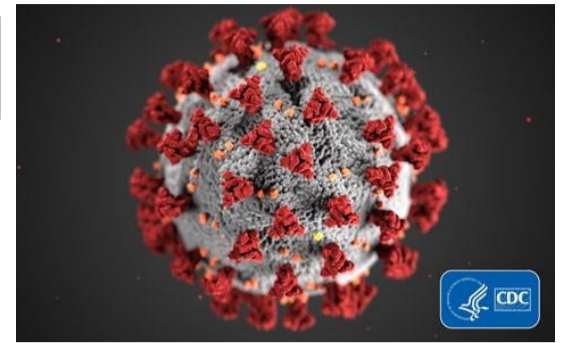


## Purpose

To identify patients that are safe to assess and not transport to a hospital during widespread cases of confirmed COVID-19 patients.



## Indication for COVID-19 Non-Transport Protocol

- If local, EMS agency Medical Direction has decided to enact non-transport guidelines based on local indications and consultation with hospital community leaders, EM, DOH, etc.
- Healthcare infrastructure is overwhelmed
  - Hospitals are exceeding maximum census
  - Hospitals and stand-alone emergency departments are experiencing significant overcrowding
  - Hospitals have enacted surge plans, i.e. alternative care sites



## 1. Initial Assessment

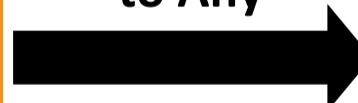
- If call takers advise that the patient is suspected of having COVID-19, EMS clinicians should put on appropriate [PPE](#) before entering the scene.
- Initial assessment should begin from a distance of at least 6 feet from the patient and be limited to one EMS provider if possible.



## 2. Patient Assessment

- Does the patient have a fever that has been greater than 100.4°F?
- Does the patient have symptoms of viral syndrome illness (cough, nasal and chest congestion, sore throat, body aches)?
- Is the patient < 50 years old?
- Vital signs:
  - Respiratory Rate >8 or <20
  - O2 Saturation > 94%
  - Heart Rate < 100 bpm
  - Systolic BP at least 100
  - GCS 15

No  
to Any



**Proceed with standard medical treatment protocols if no to any questions.**

YES to All



## 3. Exclusions?

- Chest pain, other than mild with coughing
- Shortness of breath with activity
- Syncope
- Diaphoretic
- Cyanotic
- Respiratory Distress
- Other exclusions defined by the medical director

No  
to All



## 4. Non-Transport Disposition

- The patient has a support system.
- The patient is competent.
- The patient consents to not being transported.
- The EMS provider notifies local public health authorities.
- Patient should be followed up by local public health authorities, EMS agency community paramedicine programs, or other mechanisms.

YES to Any



**Proceed with standard medical treatment protocols if yes to any questions.**

Sources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>