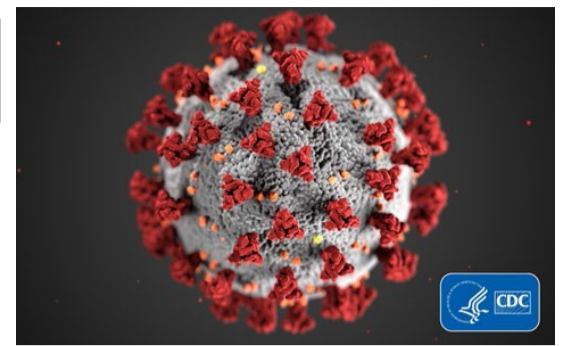


Purpose

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

- This guidance is only applicable if local EMS agency medical direction has decided to enact non-transport guidelines based on local indications and in 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



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 degrees?
- Does the person have fever **or** symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)?
- Is the patient older than 50 years old?
- Are vital signs not within the following limits?
 - Respiratory Rate >8 or <20
 - O2 Saturation > 94%
 - Heart Rate < 100 bpm
 - Systolic BP at least 100
 - GCS 15

Yes
to Any

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

No 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>