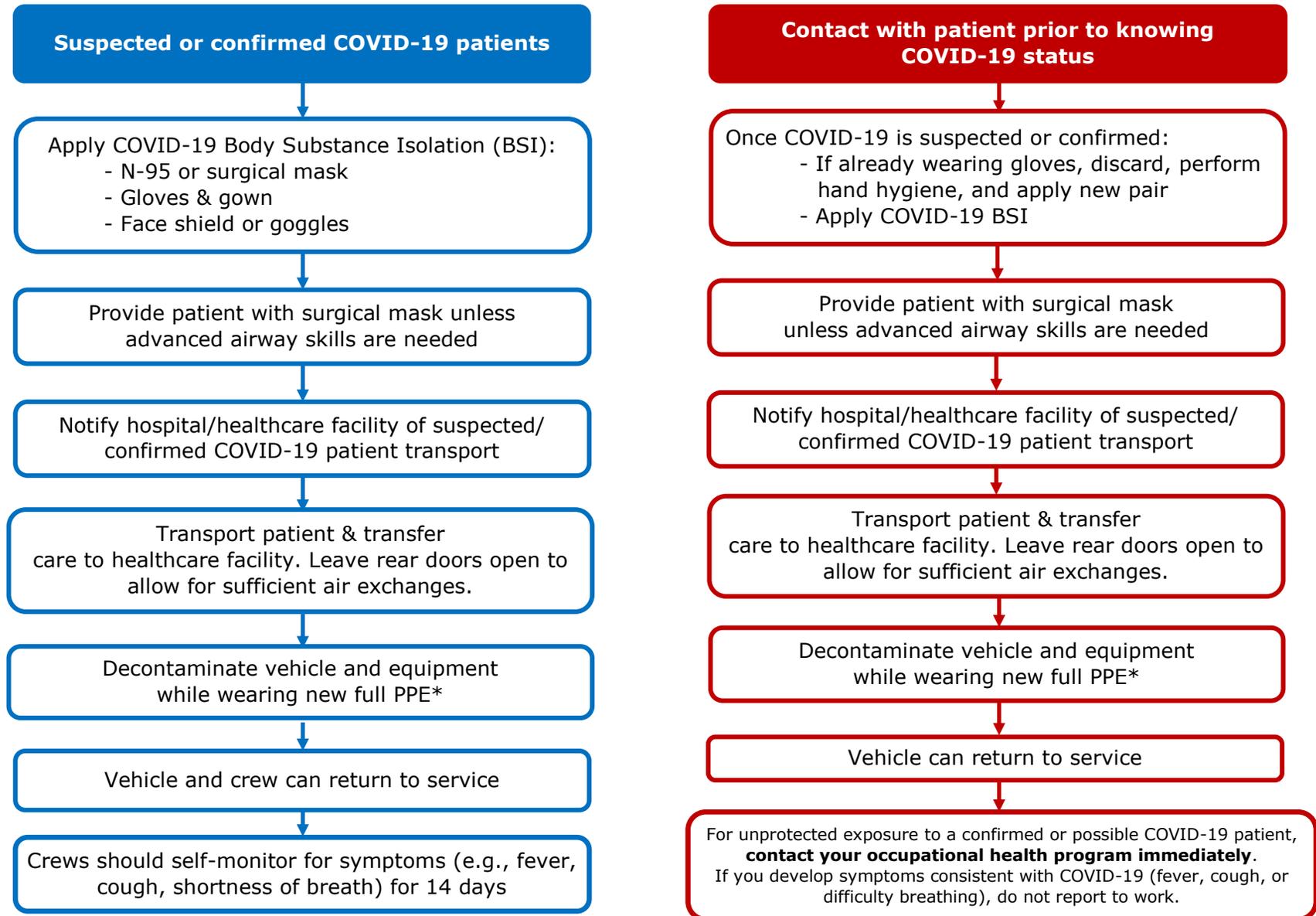




Texas Department of State Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transporting Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Patients

EMS should assume each patient may be COVID-19 positive. If information about potential for COVID-19 has not been provided by the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), EMS clinicians should exercise appropriate precautions when responding to any patient with signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection. Initial assessment should begin from a distance of at least 6 feet from the patient, if possible.



*Decontamination does not require a N95 respirator, instead a face shield or facemask and goggles are sufficient.