

Viral Alert Screening Form

This screening form is to be completed by EMS personnel for all patients. The purpose of this form is to have a mechanism in place for hospitals to follow up with exposed crews, to inform the hospital personnel of the need to don full PPE given exposure risk, and to isolate patients into COVID specific units, and. A hard copy should be given to the charge nurse to keep with the hospital, should future notification of the crew become necessary.

The purpose of a **Viral Alert** is to provide pre-arrival Emergency Department notification in order to facilitate rapid assessment and treatment of the patient and for the hospital to institute appropriate measures to protect their patients and healthcare workers. A viral alert will be issued for patients who meet ANY ONE of the following criteria:

- A. Person has fever OR cough OR Shortness of breath OR diarrhea (less than 14 days)
- B. Person who had been tested or had been told to isolate and presumed COVID positive
- C. Close contact (being within approximately 6 feet) OR community contact (i.e. attended the same gathering or stayed on the same cruise ship) with a suspected/laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case
- D. Close contact with a person who had been told to self-isolate for possible COVID 19
- E. Cardiac arrest
- F. Altered mental status

Incident #: _____

Agency: _____

*Clarifications: Yes this means close contact without symptoms should be a viral alert even if calling for trauma or unrelated condition. Also this means that if they have only one symptom, at any age, without comorbidities you should still consider them a viral alert. This is to protect our infrastructure and population.

Treatment considerations:

- Limit personnel to only those necessary for the care of the patient.
- Provide a surgical mask for the patient.
- Initiate contact and airborne precautions by donning PPE to include N95 masks, gowns, gloves, and eye protection.

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