



Informational Bulletin

COVID-19 Directives

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As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves it is the goal of the department leadership to advise and implement the most up to date guidelines and practices among our workforce. Over the course of this pandemic several policies and procedures have been distributed to assist personnel in understanding and implementing the most accurate and up to date practices to prevent illness. Recent CDC and VDH guideline updates have changed the requirements for some of these practices. Below is an update to COVID-19 bulletins and regulations. Please review the literature below and familiarize yourself with updated information. All policies not addressed in this bulletin should be considered in effect unless otherwise noted.

- GO 20.027- COVID-19 Activity Log (ICS 214) – Continue to perform your 214 forms until the local emergency declaration is lifted, forthcoming.
- GO 20.028- Outside employment. This policy has been rescinded.
- GO 20.101- COVID 19 Reference Guide. This reference guide will be modified per the updates in this bulletin.
- GO 21.042- COVID-19 Vaccine Team Shirts- This GO is currently in effect.
- IB 20.013- Information regarding the spread and symptomology of COVID-19. This information continues to be applicable to personnel and remains in effect.
- IB 20.019- EMS crew clearance by shift officers. This policy is no longer required and has been rescinded. Personnel should not report for duty if they are ill and supervisors should be made aware of any personnel who are symptomatic while on duty.
- IB 20.020, 20.025, and 20.034- Image Trend Update. Crews will continue to complete all information in Image Trend as required.
- IB 20.021 and 20.029- COVID-19 Job Aid. PPE requirements for EMS incidents are still in place. All crew members should be wearing appropriate PPE per policy and are able to assess and assist with patient care as necessary. All hospital policies regarding PPE and patient transfer as well as patient visitors are still in effect unless otherwise noted by those facilities.
- IB 20.022 and 20.033- Viral Filters. These policies remain applicable and in effect.
- IB 20.023, 20.028, and 20.032- Medical Monitoring Screenings. These policies are rescinded immediately. Medical screening is no longer required for personnel entering stations. Please continue to be vigilant in regards to your own health and wellbeing and utilize sick leave as appropriate. All medical monitoring equipment should be placed in courier boxes for return to central supply immediately.

- IB 20.024- Albuterol and Aerosolizing Procedures. Administration of Albuterol no longer needs to be limited. Normal treatment protocols should be utilized in regards to Albuterol. All aerosolizing procedures do still require Level II PPE.
- IB 20.027- COVID-19 PStrax. Wellness checks will no longer need to be performed or documented in PStrax. Equipment (including decon supplies) checks should still be completed daily.
- IB 20.030- COVID-19 Updates. Premise alerts will continue to be posted as necessary in Freedom. All supplies can now be acquired at EMS 1101 and need to be documented on the appropriate log sheet.
- IB 20.031- Face Masks. Per the CDC and VDH face masks and social distancing are no longer required for all vaccinated personnel. Per Fauquier County administration non-vaccinated personnel shall still wear face masks in county buildings if social distancing is not obtainable. This is applicable in stations and in non-medical public outings and gatherings. On all emergency incidents proper PPE should be followed.
- IB 20.035 and 20.043- Station Shoes. Uniform “duty” boots will continue to be left in apparatus bays. Department issued Crocs should be worn in stations. This does not apply to administrative, support services, or command staff personnel. All duty boots should be cleaned as a part of normal decon procedures.
- IB 20.039- Rain Suits. Department issued rain suits are still to be used per policy in case of extreme PPE shortages. They should not be used in place of PPE when normal equipment is available.
- IB 20.040- Boot Cleaning. Boot cleaning equipment and stations are still available in apparatus bays. Use is not mandatory but available in case of boot soiling.
- IB 20.041- Goggles. Goggles are available for use, but are no longer required for aerosolizing procedures. Any department issued eye protection is required and sufficient for these procedures.
- IB 20.042- Ambulance Decon Team. This policy has been rescinded. The decon team and weekly decon process has been discontinued. Weekly and as-needed decon should be managed in stations. Equipment and decontamination solution has been issued and delivered to each station.
- IB 20.073- Envo Masks. This policy is still applicable and in effect.
- IB 21.006- Sick Leave. This policy is still applicable and in effect.

Questions regarding this informational bulletin or any COVID-19 related policy changes should contact Battalion Chief Lorenzen.