


Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 20-01

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel
FROM: Fire Chief Scott Goldstein 
SUBJECT: Response to Patients with Viral Syndromes

The current operational environment that includes patients who may have the COVID-19 virus requires our clinicians to take the appropriate steps to mitigate risk while providing excellent care to those who request our services. This FCGO describes a platform that allows for the rapid updating, sharing, and when necessary, modification of our operational stance.

Given the dynamic nature of the information related to this event and the need to provide rapid updates as the situation changes, personnel are required to adhere to the following **daily** practices:

- All personnel are responsible for reviewing the COVID19 information site (information site) for updates, including updates to the “FAQ” page. The information site can be accessed via the orange banner “Infectious Disease”. on quicklinks.
- Each unit officer is responsible for downloading a copy of the COVID19 Daily Briefing. The COVID19 Daily Briefing will be found on the information site. In the event an urgent change is required an #frs.all email will be sent advising you to download an updated version. The information/direction on the COVID19 Daily Briefing carries the weight of an FCGO.
- Each station officer or duty crew leader is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements of this FCGO and the requirements of the COVID19 Daily Briefing are met.

Additionally and until further notice:

- Ride-Alongs are NOT permitted on any apparatus, utilities, or vehicles.
- Personnel who have not been fit tested by MCFRS for an N95 mask are not permitted to ride units.
- Personnel may not use N95 masks for overhaul, cleanup, or any other non-incident response reason.

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