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Thurston County Providers:

In the event that it is needed, the Washington State DOH is coordinating with Maple Lane School, located in West Thurston Regional Fire Authority's jurisdiction, to provide isolation and quarantine for any Washington State residents. At this time, there are no patients currently being held at Maple Lane School. The isolation and quarantine facility for COVID-19 is located in a separate area of the Maple Lane complex away from other Washington State clients or patients housed at Maple Lane. AMR currently holds a contract for transport with Washington State, and AMR should be the primary agency called by public health and Maple Lane School staff for any COVID-19 patients that are in need of transfer. Current Maple Lane residents will be isolated from COVID-19 patients and responders to the facility should verify the type of patient to which they are responding. Current residents of the facility, and staff for those residents, pose no risk to responders.

In the rare event that 911 is called for a **Maple Lane School COVID-19 patient**, responders should do the following:

- Notify AMR Dispatch at 206-444-4444 prior to entering the Maple Lane School facility.
- In the interest of limiting patient contact, responding crews should verify that there is an emergent medical need that needs to be addressed.
- If the patient's only need is transport, Thurston County responders will not make patient contact and will standby until AMR's transporting crew arrives.
- If the patient is in need of emergent medical treatment, make every effort to minimize exposed personnel. Ideally, no more than 2 responders should make entry, and all recommendations below should be followed:

Recommendations:

1. As with any infectious disease, whether it be the common cold, influenza, or COVID-19, using universal precautions when caring for all patients suspected of viral or bacterial infections is key to protecting you, your coworkers, and your loved ones.
2. PPE should include gloves, glasses, face shields, gowns, and NIOSH approved N95 masks.
3. Any provider that is not directly involved in patient care should stand 6 feet or more from the patient.
4. Surgical masks should be placed on patients that you suspect of any viral or bacterial illness and use nonbreather masks for those that need to be treated with oxygen.
5. Remember to thoroughly wash hands with soap and water following interactions with ANY patient. Utilization of hand sanitizer is also highly recommended.
6. Wash all clothing following any interaction with patients you suspect of having contracted an infectious disease.



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With regard to COVID-19, currently described symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In the event that your history taking reveals that your patient has traveled outside of the US in the past 14 days **AND** they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with a respiratory infection, **immediately** do the following:

1. Notify the Base Station Hospital of your patient and the situation
2. Transport the patient, as directed by medical control
3. Notify your command and ALL personnel on scene of the situation prior to patient transport.
 - a. Transporting crews **shall record the names of any responders on scene**, or potentially exposed, in the ePCR.
 - b. The transporting crew, along with command, shall report the potential exposure, and those personnel who were on scene, to PSPH **and** Thurston County Public Health and Social Services.
 - i. From the hours of 08:00 – 17:00 Monday through Friday, please contact Thurston County Public Health and Social Services via 360-867-2500
 - ii. For all notifications outside of regular business hours, please contact the duty officer for public health via a TCOMM request.
 - c. ALL apparatus on scene are to be thoroughly disinfected prior to their return to service

Sincerely,

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