

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Screening Updated 3/5/20 jwr

Effective immediately, TCOMM911 will activate the EIDS (Emerging Infections Disease Surveillance) Protocols when taking calls involving respiratory illness. **Document all answers in CAD** (ex: “has fever and cough, no travel outside U.S.” or “has fever, husband returned from China 3 days ago”).

1. Does the patient have **fever** (temp over 100.5°) **AND** **symptoms of lower respiratory illness** (e.g. cough, difficulty breathing)?
2. In the last 2 weeks before symptom onset, did the patient **travel outside of the U.S.?**
OR
In the last 2 weeks before symptom onset, did the patient **have contact with a person who is under investigation for or confirmed infected with COVID-19** (Coronavirus)?
3. If **YES** to **both #1 and** either question in **#2**, you should suspect COVID-19 (Coronavirus).
 - In their short report, the fire dispatcher will verbalize on the air **“CD Precautions Advised.”** We want to be sure all responding units (including ambulances) have this info. (CD = Communicable disease)
 - After dispatch, fire dispatcher will also initiate appropriate **Infectious Disease Notification** (PG info through CAD and advise units to check devices; or ask responders to call for info; or send info to MCT’s and advise units to check screens).