

COVID-19: Recommendations for Law Enforcement: Reducing Exposure and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance

Current testing recommendation is prioritizing law enforcement personnel to test for COVID-19 if symptomatic and considered to be exposed. Please follow up with your provider and local health department to coordinate testing.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Information on PPE

- [CDC Guidance for PPE Use Extension and Re-use](#)
- [CDC Sequence for Putting on and Removing Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

Cleaning EMS Transport Vehicles after Transporting a Patient Under Investigation (PUI) or Patient with Confirmed COVID-19

The following are general guidelines for cleaning or maintaining EMS transport vehicles and equipment after transporting a PUI:

- After transporting the patient, leave the rear doors of the transport vehicle open to allow for sufficient air changes to remove potentially infectious particles.
 - The time to complete transfer of the patient to the receiving facility and complete all documentation should provide sufficient air changes.
- When cleaning the vehicle, EMS clinicians should wear a disposable gown and gloves. A face shield or facemask and goggles should also be worn if splashes or sprays during cleaning are anticipated.
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly, to include the provision of adequate ventilation when chemicals are in use. Doors should remain open when cleaning the vehicle.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., using cleaners and water to pre-clean surfaces prior to applying an EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant to frequently touched surfaces or objects for appropriate contact times as indicated on the product's label) are appropriate for COVID-19 in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.
- [Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are recommended for use against COVID-19.](#)
- Clean and disinfect the vehicle in accordance with standard operating procedures. All surfaces that may have come in contact with the patient or materials contaminated during patient care (e.g., stretcher, rails, control panels, floors, walls, work surfaces) should be thoroughly cleaned

and disinfected using an EPA-registered hospital grade disinfectant in accordance with the product label.

- Clean and disinfect reusable patient-care equipment before use on another patient, according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE and regulated medical waste.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering used linen. Avoid shaking the linen.

Additional Resources

- Utah Coronavirus Information Line: 1-800-456-7707
- What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Officer/Personnel Exposure Plan: Procedures for Possible or Confirmed COVID-19 Exposure- Dallas, Texas, Police Department
- Recommendations for Monitoring Based on COVID-19 Exposure Risk
- Guidance for preventive and responsive measures to coronavirus by police and law enforcement
- Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for COVID-19 in the United States
- UDOH Expanded Criteria for Evaluation and Testing of Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19

Frequently updated criteria for laboratory testing at the Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) for COVID-19. UDOH is constantly monitoring laboratory testing availability. Note: Law enforcement officers are considered “first Responders” and falls under that category.