EMS Screening Tool for COVID-19

High-Risk Complaint*

Initiate infectious disease screen

Is there clinical concern for COVID-19 infection?

YES

Does the patient report or demonstrate on exam:
Fevers or Chills
OR
Cough or Dyspnea

YES

Consider COVID-19 Positive

1) Place a surgical mask on the patient
2) Don appropriate PPE**
3) Initiate COVID-19 Protocol

NO

NO

Proceed with standard care

* Several complaints may implicate the need for pandemic triage, including: Breathing Problems, Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest, Chest Pain, Headache, Sick Person, Unconscious, Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing, or patients with these symptoms in combination with GI symptoms.

** The PPE providers use should be determined by their agency leadership and safety team based on CDC guidelines.

*** Interventions that generate aerosols increase the risk of virus transmission, including bag valve mask ventilation, oropharyngeal suction, nebulizer treatment, positive pressure ventilation (CPAP/BiPAP), intubation, and CPR. Prioritize N95 masks to providers administering these interventions. If possible, aerosolizing interventions should be paused when entering hospitals or public spaces.