

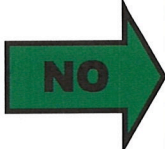
COVID-19 Triage Protocol for EMS Providers

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During a pandemic, ALL patients must be screened using the below protocol. Screening shall occur from a safe distance of six (6) feet.

Does the patient have signs/symptoms of Influenza-like Illness (ILI)?

- Fever > 100.4°F (38°C)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath



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DON PPE BEFORE INITIATING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT

- N95 or surgical mask, gloves, gown, and eye protection
- Limit close contact* to as few providers as possible. Other personnel should remain 6 feet away from the provider and patient.
- Only providers wearing proper PPE should perform a close patient assessment

* Close contact means being within 6 feet of a potential COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time



PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT

Age > 65	Heart Rate > 110 BPM
Temperature > 100.4°F	Systolic BP < 100 mmHg
Respirations > 22	Altered mental status
SpO ₂ < 95%	

Refer to BLS protocols for pediatric vital signs



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IF INDICATED, TRANSPORT PATIENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJDOH OEMS POLICY



OBTAIN PATIENT MEDICAL HISTORY

- Is the patient a diabetic?
- Is the patient pregnant?
- Does the patient have heart or lung disease?
- Is the patient immunocompromised?
- Does the patient have any other secondary or underlying medical conditions?



THIS PATIENT MEETS CRITERIA FOR NON-TRANSPORT AND/OR TREATMENT IN PLACE

Direct the patient to follow up with their healthcare provider if symptoms worsen. Provide the patient with the 2-1-1 number and refer them to the N.J. Department of Health website (www.nj.gov/health) for additional information and guidance.

The above protocol represents general guidance to the EMS community. Any unusual occurrences should be submitted through normal channels.