



COVID-19 Update  
4/25/2020

**Supervisors:**

Michael Benacchio (MS71)  
Richard Goulet (MS72)

**Number of Cases (Global)**  
2,858,489

**Number of Cases (US)**  
919,066

**Number of Cases (CA):**  
41,355

**Number of Cases (San Diego):**  
2,826

**Helpful Links:**

[GMR Vehicle Decon Policy](#)

[GMR Fogger Decon Video](#)

[GMR Coronavirus](#)

[CA Public Health COVID-19](#)

[CDC COVID-19](#)

[Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Map](#)

[SDAPP Homepage](#)

[GMR COVID Medical  
Assessment Tool \(MAST\)](#)

**Check iPad COVID-19 Link for  
latest PPE and Safety  
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SDFD Operational COVID Docs:



**DO NOT COME TO WORK IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS**

- If symptomatic, please call off to a supervisor, we do not wish to infect patients, co-workers or their families

**Target Solutions:**

- Still have 6 bridges who have not completed S-415(A)  
- Childcare survey for first responders added, due 5/6

**Personal Protective Equipment Guideline:**

- Isolation kit with gown for all COVID patients and high-risk procedures  
- Surgical mask and issued goggles required on all calls  
    ▪ Upgrade to N95 and gown if COVID suspected  
- Facial coverings are to be used for duration of your shift

**N95/N100 FFR Collection for Reuse:**

- Write your name on front bottom of FFR before use. This is to ensure you get your mask back after decon  
    ▪ i.e., J. McCormack – MS72A - AMR  
- Reuse FFR as normal, per current practice  
    ▪ After high-risk procedure, instead of discarding, place FFR mask in bag  
    ▪ SDFD will restock FFR masks 1 for 1 from ambulance resupply bin like normal, will place their FFRs for decon in the ambulance bag also  
    ▪ New process coming where single FFRs will be placed into sandwich bag before going into larger bag  
- When bag is full, drop off at 42A, and get a new bag and clip  
- Keep bag in outside compartment with trauma bag

**General:**

- Station units are being asked to please leave your uniforms at station and arrive/leave in plain clothes  
- Remember to do your twice daily temperature checks, link is on your iPad and checks are mandatory

**Supplies:**

- HEPA filters are in, make sure your rig has some  
- Ensure your ambulance has a bag for FFR collection  
- Keep Pro-Tek RTU bottle if empty, can refill at 42A



COVID-19 Update  
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**Number of Cases (Global)**  
**2,920,660**

**Number of Cases (US)**  
**943,865**

**Number of Cases (CA):**  
**42,626**

**Number of Cases (San Diego):**  
**2,943**

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# San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Health & Safety Office

## SAFETY MESSAGE

Div/Sec: All Personnel

Date: April 25, 2020

Issue/Incident: Daily COVID-19 Update 41

**Colin Stowell**  
Fire Chief

**Chris Webber**  
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**David Picone**  
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### INCIDENT STATISTICS:

- Total Incidents, Last 24 Hours: 530
- Daily Staffing Level: Full Staffing
- COVID-19 DICO Responses, Last 24 Hours: 11



### Additional Safety Equipment - Long Staffed Personnel: Bulletin 20-057

- Stations that house long staffed personnel will be provided one extra SCBA, PES, XTS 5000 radio and an accountability tag.
- SCBAs shall be stored in the engineer's compartment – **NOT** inside the cab.
- Fire Stations 1, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 28, 29 & 35

### Effective immediately the City of San Diego/EOC Donations Management/SDFD IMT or DOC will no longer be accepting food donations of any kind in response to COVID-19.

- Food is not a stated need by the City therefore all food donations are considered unsolicited donations and will not be accepted.
- Donations can be directed to the San Diego Fireman's Relief Association or the San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation:
  - <https://www.sdfra.org/>
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### In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued an executive order concerning emergency child care for children of essential workers who are not able to work remotely.

- To help determine type of care, age groups, hours, and location needed by workers please complete this [short survey](#).

### Child care assistance through the YMCA

[Financial Assistance for Child Care Services for Essential Workers and At-Risk Population](#)

**Limited reopening and access of some San Diego City parks.** A full list of parks that have resumed operation is available at: [View a list of open parks](#).

### Lessons Learned:

- Health checks performed at work sites are like performing an assessment on a patient. Remember to keep your distance while asking questions and taking a temperature.
- Continue to limit the number of personnel involved in the initial assessment and throughout the call. Utilize a scout when appropriate.



## San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Health & Safety Office

# SAFETY MESSAGE

- Carry gowns with you when traveling a distance from the apparatus. PPE should be easily accessible by all crew members throughout the call.
- Remember to take a picture of the exposure form prior to the ambulance leaving the scene.
- A language barrier should be considered a watch out situation. Remember to slow down in your scene survey and patient assessment.
- Having good communication and a flexible plan will allow you and your crew to adapt to changing circumstances (i.e., call turns into a cardiac arrest, no initial indicators of COVID-19).

### PERSONNEL STATUS:

PERSONNEL STATUS	FIRE		LG		NON-SWORN		AMR	
Number Currently in Isolation (Symptomatic)	3		0		1		3	
	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE
Number of DICO Confirmed Exposures (CDC Med/High)	3	94	0	24	0	0	5	51
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Positive (+)	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Negative (-)	0	36	0	15	0	2	0	8
Number of Presumptive COVID-19 Diagnosis	1	40	0	20	0	3	0	0

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## Health & Safety Office

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- The top 10 fire stations identified to house long staffed personnel will be provided one extra SCBA, PES, XTS 5000 radio and an accountability tag.
  - Fire Stations 1, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 26, 28, 29 & 35
  - Additional stations identified to house long staffed firefighters that do **NOT** currently have the above equipment include:
    - Fire Stations 40, 22, 37, 46, 47, 2, 41, 45, 12, 5
- SCBA harnesses shall be stored in the engineer's compartment without an air cylinder attached – **Do NOT store SCBAs inside the cab of the apparatus.**

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### Lessons Learned:

- Always consider the possibility of family members or bystanders to be symptomatic when entering a scene. As a crew, come up with a plan on implementing physical distancing from additional bystanders and how to address multiple patients.
- Check your PPE regularly for any damage or possible deficiencies (i.e., broken or loose strap on your N95).



## San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Health & Safety Office

# SAFETY MESSAGE

- Notes on the MDC regarding potential COVID-19 hazards should not be solely relied upon when entering a scene. Continue making your scene survey and scene safety a top priority upon arrival.
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## Particulate Respirator Reuse Program

### Maintaining availability of N95/N100 Filtered Face Respirators Through Sterilization

#### Mask Use During Your Shift

1. Surgical masks are to be worn by all providers on every call and all EMS patients as tolerated.
2. When getting a new FFR, use a permanent marker and write your first initial and last name, permanent station and division on the bottom of the mask (i.e. "J. McCormack MS72A - AMR")
  - a. If part-time, write your first initial and last name AMR only.
3. Use N95/N100 FFR mask during calls on suspected/known COVID patients.
4. Mask can be reused on all suspected/known positive COVID patients until a high-risk procedure is done.
  - a. Please ensure that gloves are worn when donning and doffing
  - b. Maintain good hand hygiene in between calls and whenever using a respirator.

#### Please utilize the following method to store and protect masks for decontamination

1. Retain only filtered face respirators that have not been grossly contaminated (i.e., Blood or other bodily fluids) and are structurally intact (i.e., not crushed, band still intact and still able to breathe easily). If FFR fails any of these, discard and obtain a new FFR mask.
2. Masks will be collected in a large securable bag for their entire shift.
  - a. Recommended to keep bag inside compartment of ambulance where trauma bag is stored. Clip bag closed each time a new FFR is added.
  - b. SDFD will retain policy of 1 for 1 mask replacement, those masks will be placed in the ambulances bag for collection as well.
3. After collection, these bags will be safely stored by Logistics personnel at Storeroom 42.
4. Masks will be decontaminated using the FDA approved method of Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor. Masks can be decontaminated up to twenty times using this method and number of decontamination cycles will be easily identified on the mask itself.

#### Logistical Collection

1. Station units will have used mask bags collected by supply driver daily.
2. Float units will drop off their mask bag at supply at the end of their shift.

#### Logistical Distribution

1. Station units will have clean masks delivered in bags by supply drivers daily.
2. Float units can pick up their respirators from supply at BOS.
3. Any employee requiring more masks can obtain their sterilized ones through 42A



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