



# San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Health & Safety Office

## SAFETY MESSAGE

Div/Sec: All Personnel

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### INCIDENT STATISTICS:

- Total Incidents, Last 24 Hours: **468**
- Daily Staffing Level: **Full Staffing**
- COVID-19 DICO Responses, Last 24 Hours: **10**

### Training is an approved outside activity while taking the following into consideration:

- All outside training shall be conducted at NTC and coordinated through your respective Battalion Chief. All training requests shall be emailed to [SDFDTrainingDivision@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDFDTrainingDivision@sandiego.gov) and coordinated by the Training Staff on the Outlook Training Calendar.
- All training activities at NTC will be limited to outside areas and crews shall follow all COVID-19 best practices to ensure the health and safety of personnel.
  - Maintain 6ft distance when proctoring and evaluating drills
  - Continue to utilize face covering practices as directed in the OOTC
  - Clean SCBA masks after each use
  - Ensure SCBA regulators are properly disinfected with *Fresh Gear*, after each use
    - Reference material on proper decontamination of an SCBA regulator is located in Target Solution and in this [video](#)
  - Wipe down tools and equipment, after each use
  - Handwashing before, during and after training exercises
- Always be cognizant of public perception.
- Access to the training office will be limited to training staff.

**The San Diego Fire-Rescue COVID-19 IMT has confirmed that the reusable masks being distributed do NOT contain Triclosan (antibacterial and antifungal agent) as previously specified. We apologize for any confusion or concern this may have caused.**

- The correct mask specifications are: 40% Polyester, 30% Nylon, and 30% Spandex.

### San Diego Union Tribune:

- [San Diego first responders adjust response procedures as COVID-19 threat intensifies](#)

**All Fire-Rescue Department personnel; firefighters, lifeguards, dispatchers and civilian staff are required to wear a department issued face covering while on-duty.**

- Video provided by San Diego Association of Prehospital Professionals
  - [Why do I have to wear facial masks on duty?](#)



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### Additional Premise Notes Added Regarding COVID-19 Addresses

- The County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency, Public Health Services has provided each public safety answering point (dispatch center) with address information for “patients who tested positive” for COVID-19.
- The premise information of these addresses will display in the incident notes section of your MDC as:
  - “County Health Identified COVID-19 positive test tied to this address. Use appropriate precautions.”
- Dispatchers will continue to draw responding unit’s attention to the MDC line with any COVID related safety concerns.
- A bulletin outlining this addition will be posted on Target Solutions.

### Updated Documents: Health Screening Procedures and Flow Chart

- “Changes in your ability to smell or taste” has been added
- Document is located in Target Solutions
  - COVID-19>COVID-19 Apparatus/Station Guidelines

### Lessons Learned:

- Several low-level exposures have occurred because of crew members engaging without gowns.
  - Continue to prioritize your level of PPE prior to engaging in patient care.
- If an ambulance does not have the restock supplies needed, notify your chain of command.
  - Ensure all crew members have the proper PPE (i.e., gowns).
- If scene safety is a concern and you have a short response time, consider standing back until necessary information is gathered by the call taker.
- Advise incoming responding crews if additional PPE is needed prior to them entering the scene.
- To avoid unnecessary fogging of goggles, ensure you get a good face/nose seal on your mask.
- Upon arrival, educate family and bystanders of maintaining their social distancing.
  - If available, consider asking bystanders to don their personal mask.

### PERSONNEL STATUS:

PERSONNEL STATUS	FIRE		LG		NON-SWORN		AMR	
	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE	PAST 24 HRS	TO DATE
Number Currently in Isolation (Symptomatic)	4		0		0		2	
Number of DICO Confirmed Exposures (CDC Med/High)	0	39	0	24	0	0	0	35
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Positive (+)	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Number of COVID-19 Laboratory Confirmed Negative (-)	2	32	0	13	0	1	0	5
Number of Presumptive COVID-19 Diagnosis	0	35	0	18	0	2	0	0

**\*\*\*Route any questions, comments, or concerns through your normal chain of command.\*\*\***

“Promoting Safe and Healthy Lives”



COVID-19 Update  
4/10/2020

**Supervisors:**

Michael Benacchio (MS71)  
Richard Goulet (MS72)

**Number of Cases (Global)**  
1,631,310

**Number of Cases (US)**  
473,093

**Number of Cases (CA):**  
20,223

**Number of Cases (San Diego):**  
1,628

**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  
Information**

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

**Personal Protective Equipment Guideline:**

- Isolation kit with gown for all high-risk procedures
  - Call supervisor for fogger decontamination
- All Employees being given one pair of goggles
  - Pick up from Supply (42a) if you still need them
- Save Pro-Tek RTU spray bottles, cannot obtain more bottles
  - We have bulk fluid to refill your bottles in supply
- Facial coverings are to be used for duration of your shift
  - Must wear at all times unless in station in your dorm
  - Re-usable cloth masks available at 42A

**S-415(a):**

- Medic units only, per county policy paramedic assessment
- Please complete TargetSolutions training ASAP
- 112/Bridged and 43/Medics still need to complete the assignment as of yesterday afternoon

**Safety Message:**

- Wear surgical mask, goggles and gloves on all calls
  - All patients receive a surgical mask if tolerated
  - N95/N100 for high risk patients and skills
- Limit interventions to essential procedures only
  - See attached protocol update for vitals
  - Deviation requires BHO, this is a protocol
- Practice good hand washing and social distancing
- Follow established decontamination procedures

**Policy Update:**

- Read attached protocol update guide regarding breathing treatments and public mask usage, vitals ranges included

**General:**

- Station units – SDFD is requesting that you arrive to shift and leave in street clothes, leaving your uniforms at station
  - Stations have laundry facilities available for use
  - Not required but recommended
- All units, make sure you bring a second uniform to work
  - Need to be able to change in case of contamination

# County of San Diego

## Daily Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

### Summary of Cases by Zip Code of Residence

*Data are preliminary and subject to change*



Data through 4/8/2020, updated 4/9/2020 **8:00 AM**

Zip Code	Case Count
91901	1
91902	16
91905	1
91910	43
91911	47
91913	32
91914	8
91915	19
91916	1
91932	10
91935	4
91941	12
91942	22
91945	14
91950	32
91977	34
91978	5
92004	1
92007	4
92008	8
92009	17
92010	10
92011	8
92014	13
92019	37
92020	53
92021	51
92024	28
92025	14
92026	10
92027	15
92028	7
92029	12
92037	33
92040	13
92054	8
92056	12
92057	9
92058	7
92061	2
92064	16
92065	10
92066	2
92067	12
92069	10
92071	16
92075	4
92078	14

Zip Code	Case Count
92081	11
92082	3
92083	10
92084	11
92091	2
92093	4
92101	38
92102	22
92103	70
92104	36
92105	44
92106	9
92107	3
92108	20
92109	28
92110	17
92111	20
92113	41
92114	42
92115	35
92116	34
92117	23
92118	5
92119	9
92120	20
92121	3
92122	15
92123	17
92124	15
92126	32
92127	20
92128	26
92129	19
92130	23
92131	6
92136	3
92139	27
92154	56
92161	2
92173	21
Unknown*	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1628</b>

\*More information may become available as individual case investigations are completed.  
Zip code is zip code of residence, which may not be location of exposure.

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Data source: WebCMR Communicable Disease Registry

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