



# From the Office of the Fire Chief ...

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TO: ALL MEMBERS

SUBJECT: COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

“The World Health Organization (WHO) said early Wednesday that the time has finally come to call the virus what it is: a global threat, or pandemic. But stressed that the outbreak is far from being out of control.” As Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread, it is important that we implement mitigation actions to prevent further transmission and reduce the impact of this pandemic.

Our number one priority during this health threat is the health and safety of our members and the communities we serve. To support this priority, the Department will be aggressively communicating COVID-19 Updates to our members on a regular basis. You will get this information through portal messages from me, from regular portal notices, through Target Solutions and other means.


Here is a list of the COVID-19 actions taken to date:

- Formed LAFD COVID-19 Internal Workgroup
- Developed Departmental Bulletin 20-04 (COVID-19 POST EXPOSURE PROCEDURES)
- Filmed a fire station infectious disease training video ([LAFD COVID-19 HYGIENE PRECAUTIONS](#))
- We will activate the Department Operations Center (DOC) at the lowest level
- Modified our Tiered Dispatch System (TDS) to identify suspected Corona Virus patients and add comments for members to wear proper PPE's
- Implementing an ePCR update to assist in identifying COVID-19 patients
- Updated Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Reviewed three confirmed Corona Virus incidents to assist in identifying lessons learned
- Implemented social distancing measures until further notice
- Ordered large amounts of infectious disease supplies
- Accelerated our “No Send” Pilot Program, which will place Medical Doctors and Advanced Practitioners at MFC

I recognize there has been a significant amount of COVID-19 information being disseminated through the media and many are concerned about their well-being. Information on the COVID-19 pandemic is very fluid and evolving. Therefore, we monitor COVID-19 information on a daily basis and assure you that we are taking every possible precaution to maintain the safety and awareness of our personnel.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the Emergency Medical Services Bureau at (213) 978-3885.

Stay safe,

  
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Fire Chief

