Charleston County Sheriff's Office
COVID-19 Deputy and Family Safety

DETAINEE QUESTIONS

- Are you having difficulty breathing?
- Have you traveled outside the United States in the last 30 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone who has traveled outside the United States in the last 30 days?
- Are you symptomatic with any of the following?
  - Fever
  - Vomiting
  - Headache
  - Fatigue/Diarrhea
  - Stomach Pain

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Maintain at least 6 feet
- Practice proper hand hygiene.
- Do not touch your face.
- Have proper PPE.

Minimum PPE is as follows:

- A single pair of disposable examination gloves.
- Disposable isolation gown or single-use/disposable coveralls.
- Any NIOSH-approved particulate respirator (i.e., N-95 or higher-level respirator).
- Eye protection (i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face).

If unable to wear a disposable gown or coveralls because it limits access to duty belt and gear, ensure duty belt and gear are disinfected after contact with individual.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

- Officers are exposed to numerous individuals and environments while on duty. Before returning home, officers should:
  - Sanitize duty belts and any equipment that’s frequently touched.
  - Change out of uniform at the end of a shift while still at the station or immediately after returning home prior to interacting with family members.
  - Visually practice good hygiene upon entering the home so children see parents washing hands, changing clothes, etc. to model good behavior. Reinforce it as routine to help minimize children’s anxiety.

ILLNESS AT HOME

If you or a family member has been exposed to COVID-19 and develops a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, take the following actions:

- Call your healthcare provider immediately.
- Stay home except to get medical care.
- Isolate in a room from the rest of family members (including pets).
- Make sure to follow your agency’s protocols relating to sick leave.
- Remaining at home during sickness.
**CCSO EMERGING DISEASES PROTOCOL**

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**INVESTIGATE**

**History**
- Positive 911 EMD/PSAP Screening
- Travel history to a region with prevalent COVID-19 within 14 days in conjunction with signs and symptoms listed in this protocol.
- Regions include Japan, South Korea, Iran, Most European Countries, UK and China

**Signs and Symptoms**
- Fever
- Respiratory Symptoms
  - Shortness of breath
  - Cough

**Differential**
- Cold/Influenza
- Electrolyte Imbalance
- Hyperglycemia
- Other Vital Bacterial Infections

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**ASSESS**

- Advised to use PPE kit, avoid touching their face, stay 6 feet away from the individual, and use hand sanitizer immediately after interaction.
- Notify Exposure Control Officer, Lt. Fletcher Ferguson (843-460-4945), CCSO and Ron Pucket Safety Risk Management Charleston County (843-810-8360) who will direct the deputy/officer where to convey the potentially contaminated individual.
- After conveyance, notify Fleet Maintenance during normal business hours or the contractual group outside of business hours that a vehicle must be decontaminated.
- If the potentially contaminated individual was not conveyed, recommend that the individual reach out to a healthcare provider to be tested for the Coronavirus.

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**RESOLVE**

If the PPE Kit was not used or partially used, then supervisors shall instruct members who interacted with the potentially infected individual to follow the below protocol:
- Deputies shall immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after the interaction.
- Deputies shall disinfect their utility belt by using sanitizing wipes.
- Deputies may return to the station and change their uniform if the member suspects the uniform is also infected.
- Remind the deputy to wash their hands or use sanitizer after disinfecting their equipment / uniform.

- If any part of the PPE Kit was used, call Logistics to secure an additional PPE Kit and return remaining items. Current contact personnel are Lt. John Plunkett (843-437-0954) or Sgt. Shawn James (843-343-7777).
- If there was any contamination outside of a member’s clothing, the member shall complete a Report of Injury to document any exposure incident.
- If the deputy/officer was not using their PPE Kit, the supervisor shall include that as part of their investigation and recommendation in the narrative portion on the injury report, an evaluation of the circumstances surrounding the incident to determine whether the member’s actions were within the guidelines of this Directive.
- All deputies/officers interacting with the potentially infected individual shall contact the SCDHEC at 1-855-472-3432 immediately for guidance and not report to work unless directed.