

SMCLAEG Safety Training Covid-19 Protocol

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SMCLAEG COVID-19 PROTOCOL

- Purpose: to keep members, first responders, and the public safe during an activation

Cardinal Rules

- If you are experiencing symptoms, do not respond! You can help from home by helping with communications. The same risk applies if you are in a “high risk” category for COVID-19.



Cardinal Rules

- Wear a surgical mask or other face covering at all times and maintain a 6ft distance from other people whenever possible.



Cardinal Rules

- If you have asthma or other medical condition that prevents you from safely wearing a mask, you cannot respond as part of a trailer team.



Cardinal Rules

- In general, N95 masks should be reserved for medical personnel. If you do use an N95, it is important to perform a fit test each time you use it (see manufacturer's instructions).
- Note: N95 masks with valves are not adequate protection for your team members and others. The valve allows your exhalations to escape with each breath.



N95 respirator with valve

Cardinal Rules

- Always carry plenty of hand sanitizer and use it frequently!



Cardinal Rules

- Add several pairs of gloves to you Go Kit and change them frequently!



Cardinal Rules

- Avoid touching your face.



Cardinal Rules

- Designate one person on the team to handle paperwork.



Travel To & From Evacuation Pickup Site

- Unless you are from the same family, use separate vehicles if possible. Make sure to inform Dispatch of all vehicles being used by the team.



Travel To & From Evacuation Pickup Site

- If you need to ride together, the passenger should sit in back if possible. Wear masks at all times.



At the Scene

- Use your own halters and lead ropes whenever possible. Use disposable gloves when handling gates, latches, halters, or other items from the site. Dispose of gloves before re-entering your vehicle. If not using gloves, disinfect your hands prior to re-entering your vehicle.



At the Scene

- Maintain a 6' distance between yourself and other team members, first responders, and animal owners whenever possible.



At the Scene

- If using non-disposable gloves to handle animals, bag them after use and wash at home.



At Holding/Staging Areas

- Disinfect or wash your hands frequently or use disposable gloves and change frequently.



At Holding/Staging Areas

- Maintain 6' distance between yourself and others.
- Wear surgical mask or other face covering at all times.



QUESTIONS?

