

Warren County Communications Center

Protocol for the Coronavirus 19

Communications Personnel should ask the following of callers to determine the possibility that this call concerns a person who may have signs or symptoms and risk factors for COVID-19.

1. Fever (subjective or confirmed) or respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath

AND

2. Have travelled abroad recently in the past 30-60 days.

OR

3. Known diagnoses of the COVID-19 virus
4. Contact with person(s) diagnosed with the COVID-19 in the last 14 days

The above questions should never supersede the provision of the pre-arrival instructions to the caller when immediate lifesaving interventions (CPR or the Heimlich maneuver) are indicated.

Communicate information regarding concerns or symptoms and risk factors for COVID 19 immediately to the EMS personnel before arrival on scene in order to assure use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the EMS personnel. If and when any personnel do come in contact with someone associated with the COVID 19 virus Dispatch will flag the address in the CAD system and advise all personnel if and when any personnel should have to go to that address.

Warren County Sheriff's Deputies will not go into an address that has been flagged reference the COVID-19 virus it will be considered a HAZ MAT scene and only appropriate personnel with PPE will be entering the residence.

EMA Director Troy Bass may advise Dispatch personnel to flag an address as he may receive information from IDPH of an address of a quarantined person(s). Please make sure when sending personnel to an address we check to make sure the address is not flagged if it is flagged advise the responding personnel.

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