PPE Requirements for Respiratory Responses

Coronavirus in the Community

All, there is now a documented community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (the strain of coronavirus that causes COVID-19) in Snohomish County. This, combined with other local events, demonstrates a need to take a proactive approach to protecting our members, families, and communities. Effective immediately, N95 masks and goggles (not glasses) will be the minimum level of PPE (in addition to gloves) for all calls that are respiratory (or potentially respiratory) in nature. If additional information develops that the patient condition may be COVID-19 related, add the additional PPE as outlined in the EMS Decision Tree regarding infectious patients.