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MEMORANDUM

TO: TFFD Personnel

FROM: Steve Hoffmann, Director of Fire & Rescue Services *SH*

DATE: March 25, 2020

RE: Facility & Apparatus Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures

The following is issued to provide guidance in ensuring fire stations and apparatus are properly disinfected/cleaned during the outbreak of COVID-19. The heightened concern of this virus has led to the need to increase cleaning and disinfecting of highly used areas and surfaces in an effort to limit spread and exposure. A tracking spreadsheet is also provided to be utilized to ensure that regular disinfecting is occurring every 3 hours while the fire station is occupied. This is an effort that needs to be conducted by all Town of Farmington Fire Department personnel on a regular basis while the fire station is occupied.

Fire Stations & Facilities -

Fire station members are involved in the care of a patient that may have or are proved to have COVID-19. The patient encounters, with use of PPE, are expected to generate very little infectious material. The crew members that are within six feet of the patient should particularly attempt to avoid gross contamination of him/herself or any of the equipment. The PPE used in contact with the patient and in cleaning the vehicle, should be disposed of at the appropriate area.

A general cleaning of the building should be focused on the bathroom, kitchen, sleeping quarters, and day areas of the building. More specific areas and procedures are below:

- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., using an EPA-registered, disinfectant to frequently touched surfaces or objects for appropriate contact times as indicated on the product's label) are appropriate for COVID in healthcare settings. This would focus on the horizontal surfaces in the kitchen, bathroom, sleeping quarters, and day areas of the station.
 - If there are no available EPA-registered products that have an approved emerging viral pathogen claim for COVID-19, products with label claims



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- against human coronaviruses should be used according to label instructions.
- Clean and disinfect the building in accordance with standard procedures. All surfaces that may have come in contact with the crew should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an EPA-registered disinfectant in accordance with the product label.
 - Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, and doorknobs.
- Locations that are touched frequently throughout the day:
 - Door Handles / Knobs
 - Door Push Bars
 - Light Switches
 - Sink Faucet Handles / Knobs
 - Drinking Fountains
 - Paper Towel Dispensers
 - Electric Hand Dryers
 - Hand Soap Dispensers
 - Stairwell Handrails
 - Toilet / Urinal Handles
 - Toilet Stall Door Handles
 - Counter Tops
 - Elevator Control Buttons
- Follow standard procedures for containing and laundering used linens. Avoid shaking the linen. Place in red biohazard bag and either properly discard or have professionally cleaned/disinfected
- Kitchenware should be cleaned using standard process.
- Follow standard procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE remove all garbage from the building. Red biohazard bins were placed in every fire station for disposal of these types of items. All red biohazard bags can be disposed of at UConn Hospital via the Emergency Room.
- Fresh air ventilation of the building and living areas, if possible, should remove the remnants of any disinfection process.



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Apparatus –

Little, if any infectious material from the patient should be tracked into a fire engine or other non-transport vehicle. Should a patient be suspected of having COVID-19, firefighters should be wearing appropriate PPE when disinfecting apparatus.

- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly, to include the provision of adequate ventilation when chemicals are in use. Doors should remain open when cleaning the vehicle.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., using cleaners and water to pre-clean surfaces prior to applying an EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant) are appropriate in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.
- Clean and disinfect the vehicle in accordance with standard procedures. All surfaces that may have come in contact with the patient or materials contaminated during patient care (e.g., stretcher, rails, control panels, floors, walls, work surfaces, switches, etc) should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an EPA-registered hospital grade disinfectant in accordance with the product label.
- Clean and disinfect reusable patient-care equipment before use on another patient, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Follow standard procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE and regulated medical waste. Red biohazard bins were placed in every fire station for disposal of these types of items. All red biohazard bags can be disposed of at UConn Hospital via the Emergency Room.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering used linen. Avoid shaking the linen. Place in red biohazard bag and either properly discard or have professionally cleaned/disinfected

