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Date: February 13, 2020
Topic: Coronavirus Guidance
Effective: Immediately
Attention: All El Dorado County ALS Service Agencies/Base Hospitals

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are closely monitoring an outbreak of a 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), starting in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019.

Cases of confirmed infection with this Coronavirus have been confirmed in the U.S.A. Emergency Medical Services has collaborated with our Dispatch Centers to provide specific screening for suspected high risk cases in El Dorado County. Dispatchers will screen 911 calls reporting symptoms suspicious for Coronavirus. These patients should be screened for:

- Travel to China in the past 14 days
- Patient contact with a person KNOWN to be infected with test-confirmed Coronavirus, OR
- Patient contact with a person who is currently undergoing testing for the Coronavirus

A positive response will be communicated by Dispatcher to EMS Responders using the Broadcast term "PATIENT IS POSITIVE EIDS" (Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance). EMS Personnel will then alert the destination Emergency Department. Responding EMS personnel will also follow their Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Policy and provide a mask for high risk patients.

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