



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Officers and Members
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Subject: Possible COVID-19 Exposure Flowchart - Update
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Attached is the most current version of the broad pathway utilized by the Department to manage employee potential COVID-19 exposures and employees with symptoms concerning for infection. This ongoing evaluation process is very dynamic depending on new facets reported about COVID-19 and the opportunities and activities in the health care community in Houston.

The most recent change is a result of the change in criteria for patient testing for COVID-19 at the hospital level. Hospitals are no longer testing everyone that clinically appears to be at high risk for COVID-19. Many of the patients in this category which do not require hospitalization are not being tested and are being sent home with quarantine/isolation instructions.

Therefore, the attached flowchart shows the general process by which most members will be evaluated. Each case is different and has to be evaluated by Infection Control independently. Do not solely rely on this flowchart to make any decisions without the involvement of Infection Control. Any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum can be directed to the Infection Control Office.

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