



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

General Order

To: All Officers and Members
From: Matthew White, Assistant Fire Chief *MW*
Through: Justin Wells, Executive Assistant Fire Chief *JW*
Subject: Infection Control Office (ICO) Work Exclusion
Date: December 22, 2020

Mayor
Sylvester Turner

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District A
Amy Peck

District B
Tarsha Jackson

District C
Abbie Kamin

District D
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz

District E
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Tiffany Thomas

District G
Greg Travis

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Robert Gallegos

District J
Edward Pollard

District K
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At-Large 1
Mike Knox

At-Large 2
David Robinson

At-Large 3
Michael Kubosh

At-Large 4
Letitia Plummer

At-Large 5
Sallie Alcorn

Controller,
Chris Brown

The Houston Fire Department has made every effort to maintain the safety of its members and provide up to date guidance regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus. *General Orders #20-106, #20-118, #20-119, as well as Memorandums #20-105, #20-116 and #20-141* provide directives and guidance on avoiding infectious disease exposure.

Members reporting exposures or those that are symptomatic are subject to possible work restriction and will be required to comply with public health measures set forth by the Houston Health Department. Members placed on work restriction will be required to self-quarantine/isolate at home unless another Place of Recovery is identified.

Per the Houston Health Department, "... Isolation refers to keeping someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home; while quarantine refers to keeping someone who might have been exposed to COVID19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are infected, especially if they have no symptoms. Individuals in quarantine/isolation should stay home or at their designated place of recovery, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department".

As directed by the Infection Control Office (ICO), the department expectations for members are as follows:

- Members will not engage in any outside employment on any day for which the member has been placed on work restriction.
- Members will not apply for, accept, or work any overtime assignment prior to being released from work restriction by ICO.
- Members will not attend any educational courses or training on any day for which the member has been placed on work restriction.

Questions regarding this order will be addressed through the chain of command.

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