



# HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Officers and Members  
**From:** Justin Wells, Assistant Chief *[Signature]*  
**Through:** Robert I. Garcia, Assistant Fire Chief *[Signature]*  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Criteria Update  
**Date:** March 18, 2020

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The Medical Director's Office has been closely monitoring the CDC information regarding coronavirus.

In light of new information about the clinical criteria which we should utilize to determine that a patient is a possible COVID-19 patient, the criteria for fever has changed.

Fever is now defined as an oral or rectal temperature > 100.0°F or 37.8° C.

The rest of the criteria has not changed. Please review the updated information from the Medical Director's office attached that revises Memorandum attachment 20-085A.

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