

Eugene Springfield Fire Viral Illness/Flu/CoVid-19 Patient Transport Determination Guide

STEP 1: Pre-arrival Assessment: These calls may be dispatched with high index of suspicion for flu like symptoms. It is also possible that the patient may have been tested for CoVid-19, is positive or is awaiting test results and has been advised by their doctor's office to call 911.

STEP 2: On arrival conduct the following patient assessment:

- Does the patient have a fever > 100.3°F/subjective fever/symptoms of a viral syndrome illness? (cough, nasal and chest congestion, sore throat, body aches)
- Is the patient > 50 years old?
- Does the Patient have any of the following vital signs?
 - i. Respiratory rate < 8 or > 20
 - ii. O₂ Saturation < 95%
 - iii. Heart Rate > 100 bpm
 - iv. Systolic BP of < 100
 - v. GCS < 15
- Are there signs of dehydration? (unable to keep fluids down?)

If NO to all the above conditions: proceed to step 3

If YES: follow COVID protocol and consider transport

Step 3: Determine if the patient meets any of the following criteria

- Does the patient present with:
 - i. Sepsis criteria;
 - ii. Chest Pain, other than mild with coughing;
 - iii. Shortness of breath with activity;
 - iv. Syncope;
 - v. Diaphoretic;
 - vi. Cyanotic;
 - vii. Respiratory Distress;
- Using Medic Discretion, the patient needs to be transported

If NO to all the above conditions: proceed to step 4

If YES: follow COVID protocol and consider transport

STEP 4: Consider Supportive and Legal factors

- Does the patient have a competent support system that can provide for basic needs?
- Is the patient competent?
- Does the patient consent to not being transported?

If YES to all the above questions, leave the patient on scene, proceed to step 5

If NO: follow COVID protocol and consider transport

STEP 5: If the Pt does not meet any inclusionary criteria above, leave at home and do the following:

- Advise the patient that if their condition gets worse to call 911
- Coordinate follow-up care with the local public health authority, primary care provider, or other mechanism
- Leave Information on self-care

- The Lane County Public Health CoVid resource Hotline (541) 682-1380 (0800-2000) may be helpful if:
 - The patient needs food or medication support or has questions for a nurse