



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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First of all I wish to extend to all personnel best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season! I am grateful and proud of the efforts that each of you extend daily in the interest of Carroll County and its citizens and visitors. It has been a busy three months for me, and I believe that together we will continue to move forward.

As most are already aware, with the evolution of the Omicron Variant of COVID 19 we have seen exponential growth of cases in just the past week. This has placed a strain and even a compromise on our EMS system not only in Carroll but across the state and surrounding states. We continue to take a proactive approach and I can assure you that we are working in an ongoing manner with all our partners and especially Emergency Management, CCVESA, Carroll County Health Department, CHC and reporting directly to the Board of Commissioners. There are several members of departments who have tested positive and may have exposed others. In response to this we have met with the above and as a result the following information/recommendations should be considered and implemented:

1. Limited access to fire stations and facilities
2. Mandatory masking for all personnel while in your station or on apparatus
3. Follow MIEMSS/CDC guidelines for any patient contacts
4. Assure regular facility/vehicle disinfection (ideally-twice daily)
5. 100% health checks/logging of personnel/visitors to facilities
6. Evaluation of any gatherings in facilities
7. Limited social interaction with "spacing"
8. Continued use of MIEMSS COVID triage protocol
9. Use of MIEMSS "Direct to Triage" protocol where applicable
10. Documentation and "rapid testing" where exposure has occurred.

The EMSOPS chair, Captain David Coe will coordinate any immediate concerns to include exposure and testing needs. He can be contacted directly at 443-375-0642 or through the ECC. He will have capabilities to include "rapid testing" as required and can initiate other referrals/notifications as required. I will be maintaining "situational awareness" and my direct contact is 667-272-9844. Your immediate action and cooperation is sincerely appreciated and in the interest of the health and safety of all!