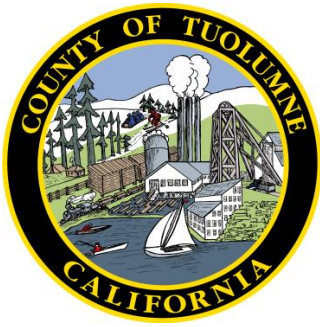




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To: All Tuolumne County First Responders, Public Safety Personnel, Fire Department Personnel, and EMS Personnel

From: Kimberly Freeman, MD, CPE, FACEP, Paramedic, EMS Medical Director

Re: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance

Given the declining rate of Covid-19 infection in Tuolumne County and surrounding areas, vaccination rates among EMS, and the poor surface stability of Covid-19, PPE requirements are now changed as follows:

- Anytime that you are assessing, treating, transporting, or providing care to any person with chief complaint of respiratory difficulty, febrile illness, at a congregate living facility, or known or suspected current covid-19 infection:
 - o Gloves, eye protection (face shield or goggles), fluid-resistant gown and N-95 or higher respirator
- Anytime that you are assessing, treating, transporting, or providing care to any person that does not meet the above criteria:
 - o Gloves and eye protection (face shield or goggles)
 - o Mask
 - N-95 mask required unless EMS personnel have completed covid-19 vaccination or have had confirmed covid-19 infection in past 90 days
 - Surgical mask approved if no aerosol-generating procedures AND EMS personnel have completed covid-19 vaccination or has had confirmed infection in past 90 days

Contact Tuolumne County EMS Agency at (209) 533-7460 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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