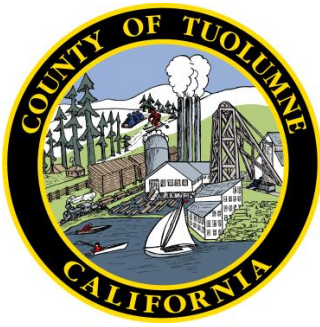




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To: All Tuolumne County First Responders, Public Safety Personnel, Fire Department Personnel, and EMS Personnel

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

Re: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance

Given the declining rate of Covid-19 cases in Tuolumne County and surrounding areas, minimum PPE requirements are now as follows:

- When assessing, treating, transporting, or providing care to any person with chief complaint of respiratory difficulty, febrile illness, or known or suspected current Covid-19 infection:
  - o Gloves, eye protection (face shield or goggles), and N-95 or higher respirator
  - o Gowns to be used as indicated by the clinical situation per responder discretion
- When assessing, treating, transporting, or providing care to any person that does not meet the above criteria:
  - o Gloves
  - o Mask
    - Surgical mask approved if no aerosol-generating procedures
  - o Gowns to be used as indicated by the clinical situation per responder discretion

These requirements are a minimum and, should policies of an agency be more stringent, the stricter policy shall be followed.

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

Sincerely,

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