**Law Enforcement Guidance from CDC on the Coronavirus**

*Print and have available or posted the CDC’s COVID-19 Guidance for Law Enforcement, available at* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-law-enforcement.pdf>

For law enforcement personnel performing daily routine activities, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) considers the immediate health risk as low. We have printed the Guidance from the CDC and have made it available (describe how) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I’m going to summarize the key points, but you are encouraged to read the full document.

The virus causing COVID-19 is called SARS-CoV-2. It is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person via respiratory droplets among close contacts. Respiratory droplets are produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes and can land in the mouths or noses, or possibly be inhaled into the lungs, of people who are nearby. Data suggests that symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms can include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and shortness of breath.

**To help protect yourself from exposure:**

If possible, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet, especially during non-emergency situations such as taking a report.

Practice proper hand hygiene. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available and illicit drugs are NOT suspected to be present, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. ***Does everyone have hand sanitizer in their vehicles?***

Do not touch your face with unwashed hands. I also want to encourage good team work out there. If you see a fellow officer subconsciously touch their face, remind them to clean their hands and face at the first opportunity.

When possible, limit the number of officers having contact with individuals who have or may have COVID-19. Officers making contact should be wearing personal protective equipment including gloves, respirator, and safety glasses. ***Does everyone have gloves, N95 respirator and safety glasses in their vehicles?***

**If close contact occurred during apprehension:**

Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE.

Clean and disinfect duty belt and gear prior to reuse using a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the product label.

Launder clothes and uniforms using household laundry detergent. Wear gloves when handling laundry. Avoid shaking the clothes. If you dry clean your uniforms, a best practice is to launder first. There has been no guidance if dry cleaning kills the virus.

If you suspect you have had or potentially had an exposure to a person infected with the coronavirus, our policy is to immediately report the incident to (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They will make sure the proper notifications and precautions are taken to protect you, your family, and your fellow officers.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shift/Squad: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments or training points:

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