

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



Apparatus Cleaning After Exposure to PUI or COVID-19 Patient

Proper decontamination of your ambulance/apparatus should be conducted after treatment of possible PUI or confirmed COVID-19 patient.

- Don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including surgical mask¹, eye protection, impervious gown and gloves.
- Keep apparatus doors open and ventilation system on the highest setting while cleaning.
- Remove gurney/stretchers to properly clean all stretcher surfaces.
- Use an approved EPA disinfectant to clean all visible interior surfaces.²

Cleaning Checklist

Clean and disinfect all reusable patient-care equipment, including:

- Blood pressure cuff (use disposable cuff covers if available)
- Stethoscopes
- O2 bottles
- Monitors
- Jump bag (Canvas bags should be properly laundered with an approved EPA disinfectant)

Clean and disinfect gurney/stretchers, stair chair, reeves and scoop stretcher

Clean and disinfect the interior (fire fighter and patient compartments)

- Control panel
- Seatbelts
- Grab rails
- Drawer and door handles
- Walls, ceilings and cabinets

Sweep vehicle floors to remove debris and designate a mop and bucket as the decon mop and bucket with disinfectant. Allow for the solution to dry before re-entering to continue the decontamination process.

Clean and disinfect surfaces on the interior of the driver's compartment:

- Radios
- Control panel surfaces
- Steering wheel and vehicle controls
- Seatbelts
- Interior door handles
- Keyboards
- Cell phones and tablets
- Headsets

Wipe down the exterior door handles and compartment handles and other potentially contaminated areas with disinfectant wipes.

Doff all PPE using department protocols. Wash hands thoroughly.

Visit www.iaff.org/coronaviris for comprehensive information, resources, guidelines and response protocols for COVID-19.

¹ Since there is no risk of aerosolized droplets, a surgical mask will be sufficient while wiping down surfaces.

² https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf