COVID-19 Best Practices

SELF-SCREENING GUIDELINES

The IAFF recommends all fire fighters/emergency medical personnel be vigilant about symptom monitoring twice daily (both on shift and off shift) to identify symptoms early and prevent exposures. These recommendations should be followed whether or not you have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 patient.

1. Designate one dedicated entrance at stations and administration buildings.
2. Self-screening to be conducted twice daily.
3. Members should conduct self-screening upon entry of building, prior to entering populated areas.
4. No need for documentation, this is simply a sick or not sick evaluation tool.
5. Members with one or more of these signs or symptoms are considered to have a communicable illness, should not be at work and need to communicate through the proper channels.
6. Members should follow agency-specific return-to-work policies.

- FEVER WITH OR WITHOUT CHILLS (99.9F/37.7C)
- UNCONTROLLABLE SECRETIONS/EXCRETIONS RESULTING IN SNEEZING OR BLOWING NOSE DURING CARE OF PATIENT OR TALKING WITH A CO-WORKER
- PROLONGED SORE THROAT
- PRODUCTIVE/UNCONTROLLED COUGH COUGH LASTING MORE THAN TWO WEEKS
- INFLUENZA OR COVID-19-LIKE ILLNESS FEVER AND COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- DIARRHEA ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACUTE ILLNESS