***This guidance has been developed in conjunction with Central Iowa EMS Directors and the Polk County Health Department Medical Coordination Center***

EMS responders have been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 patient should follow this reporting procedure: ***(note – if EMS provider was using appropriate PPE to include facemask, eye protection, gown and gloves, then an airborne or contact exposure has not occurred.)***

**Patient is Transported**

1. Notify the receiving hospital Emergency Department the patient was transported of the potential exposure.
2. Complete the “**Report of Exposure to HIV or Other Infectious Disease form”** with the details of the exposure.
3. Submit the completed form to the ED Shift Supervisor or Charge Nurse.
	1. The infection control team at the receiving hospital will process the form and provide follow-up.
4. Notify the Infection Control Officer for your agency of the potential exposure.
5. If the patient is COVID-19 positive, the agency’s Infection Control Officer shall contact Polk County Health Department Communicable Disease Reporting at 515-286-3890, be prepared with the following:
	1. Patient information
	2. Hospital transported to
	3. Personnel involved including telephone numbers
6. Polk County Health Department Communicable Disease official will contact the involved crew members to provide specific guidance.

**Patient is Not Transported**

1. Complete the “**Report of Exposure to HIV or Other Infectious Disease form”** with the details of the exposure.
2. Include the source patient contact information on page 3 of the form
3. Notify the Infection Control Officer for your agency of the potential exposure and provide them with the form
4. Infection Control Officer will contact Polk County Public Health Communicable Disease Team at 515-321-8599 for follow up.

**Work Guidance:** Follow guidance provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health document **“**Isolation Guidance for Essential Services Personnel” issued on 3/17/2020 at the following link:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Essential-Services-Personnel>