

ON-SCENE PATIENT MASK USE

From this time forward, it is recommended that all patients we respond to be asked by our communications specialists to apply a face mask (or face covering) prior to EMS personnel arrival, provided:

- ✓ The patient has access to a mask
- ✓ That the application of the mask will not worsen respiratory distress; if the patient does not have access to a mask, a mask will be provided by the first EMS responder to make initial patient contact

In addition, should there be other persons with the patient, they, too, will be asked to wear a mask, if available, and should be requested by responding EMS personnel to maintain a social distance of 6 feet between themselves and the responders.