

## OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION FOR SUSPECTED OR KNOWN COVID-19 PATIENTS

1. Nasal cannula < 6 LPM and with surgical face mask.
2. Nonrebreather mask (NRB), with surgical face mask over the NRB, for > 6 LPM up to 15 LPM.
3. Small volume nebulizer (SVN): Use metered dose inhaler (MDI) with a spacer, if available. If an SVN is used, consider attaching the nebulizer to a simple mask and placing a surgical face mask over the nebulizer mask. Complete SVN treatment or discontinue use prior to transfer into the hospital.
4. CPAP: Use when necessary, after alternatives exhausted (e.g., MDI, NRB, etc.). Upon arrival at hospital, discontinue and transfer to NRB at 15 LPM, with surgical face mask, for transfer into the facility.
5. Intubated and BVM patients: Meet hospital staff at the emergency department-receiving area (i.e., ambulance bay) for direct transfer to negative pressure room.
6. Consider encouraging hypoxic non-intubated conscious patients to reposition to a position of comfort.
7. Use appropriate PPE in all scenarios.

**Note:** Currently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, all patients with a respiratory complaint are considered suspected COVID-19 positive.