

		MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
		EMS OPERATIONAL POLICIES		
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Effective immediately, all Fire and EMS personnel and other public safety personnel who care for patients meeting the definition of SARS should:

1. Take protective precautions. This includes wearing the following items for all individuals involved in direct patient care or within 6 feet of the patient:
 - Disposable fluid resistant gowns
 - Goggles or face shields
 - Fit tested N-95 respirators (or higher)
 - Gloves
2. Notification of MRH/Regional
 - All units must notify MRH/Regional of the suspected SARS patient(s) or incident prior to transport.
 - Units must inform MRH/Regional of the selected destination hospital (if not MCI)
 - MRH/Regional Hospital will in turn inform the destination hospital(s) of the SARS patient.
3. Cleaning and disinfecting after transport
 - All equipment and supplies used in direct patient care must be clean prior to reuse according to standard guidelines.
 - All ambulances must be thoroughly cleaned according to agency guidelines, especially patient care compartment.
4. EMS personnel followup
 - After the call is complete, you should notify your agency supervisors immediately of the potential SARS incident. You will receive instructions as to signs and symptoms of SARS.