

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein



SUBJECT: Protective Measures for Novel Hazards

This FCGO Rescinds FCGO 20-01, Response to Patients with Viral Syndromes

Protective Measures for Novel Hazards

Our operational environment includes many hazards including patients with infectious diseases and potentially other novel hazards. MCFRS must remain prepared to take the appropriate immediate steps to protect personnel.

This FCGO provides a platform that allows for the rapid updating, sharing, and when necessary, modification of our operational stance based on the most current information available by establishing the [Novel Hazard Briefing \(NHB\)](#). The information/direction on the NHB carries the weight of an FCGO.

When novel hazards arise personnel will be directed to the NHB and told how often to check it.

The NHB will contain, at a minimum:

- Hazard identification
- Hazard mitigation requirements
- Required reporting
- Station/unit staffing restrictions
- All PPE related requirements
- A link to the MCFRS Infection Control and Hazard Exposure Reduction Manuals

Any questions or clarifications may be directed to the Operations Division Chief via the Chain of Command