



**GILT EDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
9149 MUNFORD GILT EDGE ROAD, BURLISON TN 38015



**COVID-19 EMERGENCY CALL RESPONSE PLAN**

The Gilt Edge Volunteer Fire Department will continue to respond to EMS calls as normal. This procedure will take effect for the following call types:

- General illness
- Flu-like symptoms
- Sore throat
- Respiratory issues
- Fever
- Any call where dispatch advises of recent travel history

**BE MINDFUL OF OTHER RESIDENTS WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS FOLLOW THE RESPONSE PROCEDURE. DO NOT TAKE CHANCES**

The following procedure will be followed:

1. One EMR/EMT/AEMT will engage the patient initially. A screening of the patient will take place at a distance no closer than 6 feet. If the screening is negative, the remaining personnel can enter and assist with care. If the screening is positive, the remaining personnel will don appropriate PPE and enter scene. The initial provider will exit scene and don appropriate PPE. At no point is the patient to be left alone as this could be seen as abandonment.
  - a. Screening – Ask questions regarding:
    - i. Fever
    - ii. Dry cough
    - iii. Shortness of breath
    - iv. Recent travel
    - v. Potential contact with exposed individuals
  - b. PPE
    - i. Responder – N95, eye protection and gloves
    - ii. Patient – simple mask placed over the mouth and nose
2. If a screening is positive, then immediate notification is to be made to the responding ambulance. Notify fire department leadership of any potential patient and exposure.
3. Members will decontaminate themselves, their equipment and the inside of the cab or affected compartment(s).
  - a. Use appropriate germicidal solution for equipment or skin. If no germicidal solution is in stock, use a mixed solution of water and bleach.
  - b. When using a water/bleach solution for decontamination.
    - i. .5% for equipment
    - ii. .05% for skin
4. If members are exposed, quarantine procedures will be put into place. Those procedures are in the process of being developed
5. If you are running a fever, **STAY HOME!**

**ALL PERSONNEL ARE TO REMAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET AWAY FROM THE PATIENT UNTIL ALL SCREENING QUESTIONS ARE COMPLETE**