

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

### **Nyack Joint Fire District Policy**

In accordance with guidance from the State and the Rockland County Department of Health, all staff members and volunteers who are currently reporting to work, shall use best practices with regards to social distancing and cleanliness and shall do whatever possible to remain a minimum of six feet apart while conducting business at all times, including during breaks/meals.

As the number of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases, all Nyack Joint Fire District staff members and volunteers must continue to self-monitor themselves for possible symptoms, such as:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath, or
- Respiratory infection/distress

**Any symptomatic staff member or volunteer - whether essential or not, should not report to work if they do not feel well.** The staff member or volunteer should call their Chief and let him know as they normally would, if not reporting to work.

**If the staff member or volunteer is at work and starts to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, they shall leave the worksite immediately and report symptoms by phone to their Chief.**

The staff member or volunteer shall be instructed to go home, isolate and call their healthcare provider for further instructions. They should **not** report directly to their healthcare provider without first contacting them by phone.

#### **Notification of Staff Members or Volunteers of Potential Exposure**

In the event of a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive case, the employee will be contacted to determine if a potential workplace exposure occurred during the epidemiological investigation, defined as a staff member or volunteer presenting to work while symptomatic. The Chief will notify Fire District Chairman Ted Ryder. The Chairman will then issue a “notification” to all staff members and volunteers for the date that the confirmed COVID-19 positive staff member or volunteer presented to work while being symptomatic.

The Chairman will notify staff and volunteers **ONLY** in the event that the subject staff

member or volunteer presented to the place of employment while symptomatic, in order to ensure all relevant personnel are notified of potential exposure.

\*\*If the staff member or volunteer submits their own lab to their Chief and they have disclosed whether they were symptomatic or asymptomatic during their last days at work to their Chief, this will be construed as notification to initiate the above procedure.

In either case the notification of potential exposure to staff and volunteers is only needed within the 14 days of that person presenting while symptomatic, due to the incubation period of the virus.

All staff members and volunteers are urged to practice CDC issued guidance found on [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). This includes: staying home if sick, washing hands often, keeping six feet between individuals, as well as, cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.

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By: s/ Ted Ryder  
**Chairman Ted Ryder**