ICRC PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROGRAM

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for coronavirus disease 2020 (COVID-19)

First Responders & Transporting staff should wear:

- Medical/surgical mask  (suspected or confirmed covid-19 cases)
- Gowns/tyvek suit     (suspected or confirmed covid-19 cases)
- Examination Gloves   (always)
- Eye protection       (suspected or confirmed covid-19 cases)
  (face shield or googles)

In addition:
- COVID-19 patients should also wear surgical/ medical mask during transport (if tolerated)

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<th>Ambulance or transfer vehicle</th>
<th>Health care workers</th>
<th>Transporting suspected COVID-19 patients to the referral health care facility</th>
<th>Driver involved only in driving the patient with suspected COVID-19 disease and the driver’s compartment is separated from the COVID-19 patient</th>
<th>Assisting with loading or unloading patient with suspected COVID-19</th>
<th>No direct contact with patient with suspected COVID-19, but no separation between driver’s and patient’s compartments</th>
<th>Patient with suspected COVID-19</th>
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