

## **PPE Requirements**

- On Scene:
  - All scene bags and extra back-up bags should include N-95 respirator masks, contamination suits, gloves, biohazard bags for disposal of contaminated items
    - The extra back-up bags should be for your fitting size to carry with you
  - All call outs will contain information gathered from JeffCom on status of related symptoms identified by the CDC for CoVid-19, found at (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>), or information on a known positive identification of a CoVid-19 case.
  - An assessment is to be made prior to arriving at the scene to include
    - Information gathered regarding previous symptoms of deceased, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, upper respiratory symptoms, travel out of country, or contact with others infected, or possibly infected.
    - Obtain additional information on scene from law enforcement and/or families
    - Request that family remain in separate room or outside while the investigation/examination is being conducted
    - Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distance from all persons on a scene
    - Consider taking an interview with family or witnesses through a phone call from the coroner vehicle
  - The following is the Recommended PPE for JCCO Staff

### *Section 1*

#### *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Recommended for JCCO Staff*

Coroner Investigators who will have direct contact with a decedent at all scene responses, should follow Standard Precautions and use the PPE as described below. Since attempting to detect whether or not someone is CoVid19 positive or negative for a scene response cannot be done with accuracy, this office will err on the side of caution and take a conservative approach to protecting the safety of all staff and the public.

#### **Recommended PPE includes**

- A TYVEX or KleenGuard suit – hooded and booted should be worn if available on all scene responses. This includes the use of the following PPE to be worn with the Tyvex suit:
  - N-95 Mask (should be used instead of a facemask) or higher-level respirator
    - N95 respirators or respirators that offer a higher level of protection should be used instead of a facemask when performing or present for an aerosol-generating procedure
  - Eye protection (i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face). Personal eyeglasses and contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.

- A double pair of disposable Blue nitrile gloves. (Change gloves if they become torn or heavily contaminated).
- Alternative PPE following Standard Precautions and use of PPE:
  - N-95 Mask (should be used instead of a facemask) or higher-level respirator
  - Eye protection (i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face). Personal eyeglasses and contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.
  - A double pair of disposable gloves (either nitrile or latex). (Change gloves if they become torn or heavily contaminated).
  - Gowns to be worn to decrease opportunity for transfer of the virus to the hands and clothing)
  - Booties to be worn into all areas
  - Bouffant

Scene arrival and departure use of PPE. Follow the CDC guidelines for donning and removal of PPE. A guideline has been placed in each vehicle for quick reference. A bottle of CaviCide spray and hand sanitizer should be in each vehicle.

- Donning of PPE shall occur after exiting the vehicle, per above guidelines
- Removing of PPE shall occur after completing the scene investigation and before entering the vehicle.
  - Have a Red Bio-Hazard bag ready to place contaminated PPE in.
  - Remove the outer gloves and spray your PPE down before removing it with CaviCide, including your gloves.
  - Remove PPE per removal guidelines
    - As an extra step, hand sanitize prior to removing your face mask.
  - Place contaminated PPE in the Red Bio-Hazard bag.
  - Spray the outside of the Red Bio-Hazard bag and place inside another clear bag for transporting in the back of the vehicle.
  - Use Hand Sanitizer prior to entering the vehicle
    - As an extra step, spray the bottom of shoes with CaviCide, prior to entering the vehicle
  - The following is a link for review of Safe PPE donning and removal and is the same information that can be found in the vehicles. <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/ppe/ppe-sequence.pdf>
  - Please note: If a decedent is being transported by the Coroner Investigator, then please wear the N95 mask or higher-level respirator during the transport
- Upon return to the Coroner Office
  - Dispose of the red bio-hazard bag in the bin, inside the garage
  - Wipe down the inside of the vehicle (i.e. Steering wheel, gear shift, console, knobs, radio, door handles, keys) with sanitizer wipes
  - Wash hands with either a non-antimicrobial soap and water or an antimicrobial soap and water for at least 20 -30 seconds.
- All personnel should avoid touching their face while working