

COVID-19 POLICY	
Nederland Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines	
	
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1.0 Policy Reference

NFPA	
NIMS	
LODD	

2.0 Purpose

To establish clear operational guidelines for our membership in relation to COVID-19 public health concerns and recommendations.

3.0 Scope

All members, applicants, and staff

4.0 Definitions

5.0 Procedures/Guidelines & Information

#1 No visitors, tours, or non-critical entry shall be granted to our firehouses during the pandemic. This policy will be discussed and re-evaluated and ultimately adjusted once public health recommendations have changed. If non-members or non-employees require access, we insist on some form of mask or covering. NFPD will provide a mask if they do not have one. Remember to answer the doors of our station with a mask on. Insist on proper social distancing when speaking with visitors at the entry ways. Minimize the time and exposure as much as possible during their visit.

#2 Masks shall be worn by all members indoors when representing the department and responding to calls. Masks will not be required in vehicles but have one available on arrival. For suspected COVID medical calls, please follow our COVID Response Guide (3/25/2020) which was emailed to you. For all non-COVID suspected calls, please make sure all responders are in surgical masks and that patients and other parties unable to maintain

social distancing are masked as well. Please provide a surgical mask to anybody who needs one on scene.

In the event of a wildland fire, search and rescue or other similar operations where physical distancing can be maintained and interaction with public is not anticipated, masks may be kept at the ready but are not required to be worn.

#3 If you are symptomatic, please stay home and away from calls. Advise the department and let us know if you need any support. Symptoms can include: fever, cough, aches, difficulty breathing and any flu like symptoms. You may return 72 hours after ALL symptoms have subsided and it has been at least 7 days since symptoms started. This policy will be updated if testing guidelines change this standard.

#4 Trainings and station use: At this time the station will be considered a non-public space and we will not require wearing of masks, this may change as guidelines change. If you are not vaccinated you will be required to wear a mask in our stations.