

EXECUTIVE ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject: Coronavirus 2019 Arrestee Transportation and Health Assessment Protocol
Number EO-20-034
Effective Date July 2, 2020
Related to: GO-PCA-502.01 (Transportation of Prisoners) GO-OPS-502.03 (Service of Communicable Disease Removal and Detention Orders) GO-PCA-502.07 (Medical Treatment and Hospitalization of Prisoners) SOP-03-02 (Holding Facilities) SOP-03-04 (Booking Team Procedures)

I. PURPOSE

Due to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) emergency, all arrestees shall be required to complete a mandatory health assessment prior to entering any Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) cell block. The purpose of this executive order is to provide protocols for arrestee transportation and health assessments during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. Members are reminded to adhere to EO-20-021 (Coronavirus 2019 Guidance on Calls for Service) when responding to calls for service and self-initiating police action, including with subjects who may exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.
- B. Arrest and Transport
 - 1. Members shall make department-issued surgical masks available to all arrestees while they are in MPD custody.
 - 2. Arrestees are not required to wear masks. Whenever possible, arrestees who are not wearing masks shall be transported separately in a transport car or wagon and housed in a cell by themselves.
- C. Arrestee Health Assessments
 - 1. All health assessments shall be conducted immediately inside of the secured district van port outside of the MPD cell block while the arrestee is still seated in the transport vehicle.
 - 2. The designated MPD member assigned to the station shall don the MPD issued protective gloves and N-95 mask/respirator before conducting the health assessment.

3. The designated MPD member shall ask each arrestee entering the cell block if they are experiencing any one of the following symptoms of illness:

COVID-19 Symptoms
a. Sore throat
b. Temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° Fahrenheit
c. Cough
d. Shortness of breath
e. New significant and unexplained fatigue or muscle aches
f. New loss of taste or smell

NOTE: Symptoms of seasonal allergies are different from the symptoms of illness listed above. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include:

Seasonal Allergies Symptoms
a. Sneezing
b. Running nose
c. Watery and or itchy eyes
d. Ear congestion
e. Post-nasal drip

4. As a part of the health assessment, the designated MPD member shall take the temperature of each arrestee prior to removing the arrestee from the transport vehicle.
5. The designated MPD member shall conduct the health assessment from outside of the transport vehicle with the window of the vehicle down.
6. If any arrestee has a fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher) or exhibits any signs and symptoms of illness without a fever, the designated MPD member shall immediately request the assistance of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS) to transport the arrestee to a local hospital.
7. Any arrestee who does not have a fever and does not exhibit any signs and symptoms of illness shall be granted access to the MPD cell block.
8. All arrestee health assessments shall be documented on the MPD Arrestee Health Assessment Form (Attachment A).

III. ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: MPD Arrestee Health Assessment



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