

EXECUTIVE ORDER



Subject:	Coronavirus 2019: High Volume Arrest Transport and Processing Procedures
Number	EO-20-051
Effective Date	November 2, 2020
Related to:	SOP-16-01 (Handling First Amendment Assemblies and Mass Demonstrations)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I. PURPOSE

Due to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) emergency, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) members shall implement health and safety protocols related to high-volume arrests to be used in conjunction with SOP-16-01 (Handling First Amendment Assemblies and Mass Demonstrations). To the extent that any provisions of this executive order conflict with SOP-16-01, the provisions of this executive order shall prevail. The purpose of this executive order is to provide protocols for high volume arrest transport and processing during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Transport to Processing Facility

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 shall be kept separate from masked arrestees to include during prisoner processing.
3. To the extent possible in the area designated for prisoner processing at the scene and without risking the safety of officers, arrestees, and members of the public, arrestees should be kept socially distant from each other.
4. To the extent possible without risking the safety of officers, arrestees, and members of the public or causing undue delay in arrestee processing, arrestees should be seated in a socially distant manner in transport vehicles.
5. To the extent possible, windows of transport vehicles should be partially opened to enhance ventilation, as appropriate given the outside ambient temperature.

6. All transport cars, wagons, or buses must stop at the designated arrestee unloading area for the prisoner processing facility and overflow area for temperature assessments. Transport vehicles shall space themselves to allow off-loaded arrestees to maintain social distance whenever possible.
7. While waiting to off-load arrestees, transport officers shall open wagon doors and bus or car windows to enhance ventilation, as appropriate given the outside ambient temperature.
8. All transport vehicles shall wait until every arrestee from that vehicle has completed a temperature assessment and been informed of results by a safety officer.
9. Upon being informed by a safety officer that **all** of its arrestees **do not** have a fever, the transport vehicle may exit the unloading area.
10. If any arrestee has a fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), the transport vehicle shall proceed to the designated area to be sanitized, whenever possible.

B. Arrestee Temperature Assessments

1. All temperature assessments shall be conducted in the designated arrestee unloading area. Arrestees shall be assessed outside the transport vehicle.
2. Safety officers shall don the department-issued protective gloves and the N-95 mask/respirator before conducting temperature assessments.
3. To the extent possible, safety officers shall place the arrestees so that they are socially distant.
4. If any arrestee has a fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), the safety officer shall immediately:
 - a. Move the arrestee no less than six feet away from the other arrestees until the arrestee can be escorted to an area to await an ambulance,
 - b. Inform the prisoner processing facility commander that an arrestee has a fever,
 - c. Request the assistance of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS) to transport the arrestee to a local hospital,
 - d. Escort the arrestee to the designated area to await the arrival of an ambulance, and
 - e. Inform the transport vehicle to proceed to the designated area to be sanitized whenever possible.

5. Any arrestee who **does not have a fever** shall be escorted and granted access to the prisoner processing facility or overflow area if overflow procedures have been implemented.
6. All arrestee temperature assessments shall be documented on the Arrestee Temperature Assessment (Attachment A).

C. Vehicle Cleaning

1. Members who transport arrestees who have a fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher) shall notify the transport incident commander.
2. To the extent possible, the prisoner processing center commanding official shall ensure the vehicle and vehicle keys are immediately secured, placed out of service, and sanitized. The vehicle should not be operated until the keys and vehicle are sanitized, whenever possible.

D. Prisoner Processing

1. In the event that the number of arrestees exceeds the capacity of the prisoner processing facility to socially distance the arrestees, the MPA gymnasium shall be used as the overflow area.
2. To the extent possible, arrestees should be kept socially distant from each other while in the prisoner processing facility, the overflow area, awaiting entry to the prisoner processing facility or overflow area, or otherwise in the prisoner processing area.
3. To enhance ventilation, designated doors shall remain open at the prisoner processing facility and overflow area, as appropriate given the outside ambient temperature.
4. Once the flexcuffs are removed from the arrestees in the holding cells, hand sanitizer shall be offered to the arrestees.

E. Transport to Central Cell Block or District Cell Blocks

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 shall be kept separate from masked arrestees to include prisoner processing.
3. To the extent possible without causing undue delay in the transport and housing of the arrestees, arrestees should be seated in a socially distant manner in transport vehicles.

4. To the extent possible, windows of transport vehicles should be partially opened to enhance ventilation, as appropriate given the outside ambient temperature.

III. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Metropolitan Police Department Arrestee Temperature Assessment



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Metropolitan Police Department Arrestee Temperature Assessment

Date	Time	Assessor CAD#	Arrest#	CNN#	First Name	Last Name	Temp. 100.4°F or Over (Yes or No)