



## **UPDATED** (New Info **Bold/Underline**)

### **Joint Guidance for the Florida Fire Service**

#### **Guidance to Protect Employees from Community Spread within Fire Stations and Sample Self-Monitoring Form**

- Fire Service providers are encouraged to take proactive measures to keep the COVID-19 disease from spreading through our workplaces by having employees self-monitor their temperature and the absence of specific symptoms related to COVID-19.
- Employees should, **prior to reporting to work**, and immediately upon reporting to work each shift (or at any change of shifts for other reasons), take their temperature and record the results as well as the absence of specific symptoms on a daily Self-Monitoring Log\*. This process should be repeated approximately halfway through the shift.
- Should an employee have a temperature of **100.0 F\*\*** or higher, or have any of the specific COVID-19 symptoms, they should immediately don a facemask, separate themselves from other workers and notify the on-duty Infection Control / Safety Officer.
- For employees who appear sick at work, supervisors should immediately take steps to separate the employee from others, have the employee wear a facemask, and ensure that the on-duty Infection Control / Safety Officer is notified.

\*See attached sample Self-Monitoring Form

**\* Fever is either measured temperature >100.0°F or subjective fever. Note that fever may be intermittent or may not be present in some patients, such as those who are elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications (e.g., NSAIDs). Clinical judgment should be used to guide testing of patients in such situations. Respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are cough, shortness of breath, and sore throat. Medical evaluation may be recommended for lower temperatures (<100.0°F) or other symptoms (e.g., muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain headache, runny nose, fatigue) based on assessment by public health authorities.**



