

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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In an effort to reduce the potential spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Tipp City Fire & EMS (TCFES) are taking precautions to reduce exposure to our customers, patients and staff.

TCFES asks that everyone practices the Big 5: 1. Wash your hands often 2. Cough into your elbow. 3. Don't touch your face. 4. Remain 6 feet (2m) apart. 5. If you feel sick stay home.

In the event that you are experiencing an emergency, CALL 9-1-1. We will always respond. We do ask that you or the person calling provide every detail that may be important to the Miami County Communications Center (MCCC), dispatchers. Details to remember: Recent Travel. Fever w/ cough. Shortness of Breath.

MCCC will ask ambulatory (be able to walk) patients, not those with chest pains, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, stroke, injuries, or any other extreme life threatening condition, to step outside when the medic arrives. We are taking this step to limit the number of people involved and reduce exposure of all. We will continue to treat and transport to the best of our abilities.

You may be asked to wear a mask. Do not be alarmed. We are attempting to protect you, your family, and our family. The first responders may be wearing a mask, gloves, eye protection, a medical gown, etc. as PPE to protect all involved.

We have suspended all in-person Public Education Outreach, Fire Safety Inspections, and training of personnel. Internally, we are training on duty personnel on all matters of personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning all equipment, and staying abreast of the current situation.

We are requesting that no visitors come to the station during this time of "Social Distancing". The no visitors does not apply to patients stopping that need emergency medical care.

TCFES works with City Administration, Miami County officials, and follows the State of Ohio guidelines. In-person or remote meetings are attended to keep all personnel informed. We strive to maintain open lines of communications and teamwork with all of our regional partnering agencies.

Please follow all up to the minute guidelines from the CDC, ODH, Governor DeWine; as well as local Health Department officials.

You may email us at hallerc@tippcity.net for all other inquiries. We strive to provide accurate and concise information. TCFES staff remains committed to providing you with the best Fire & EMS services and we thank you for your patience and understanding.