EMS clinicians who will directly care for a patient with possible COVID-19 infection or who will be in the compartment with the patient should follow standard, contact, and airborne precautions.

**Limited Reuse of N95 masks**
- A single N95 may be reused by a provider up to five times.
- Each removal of the mask concludes a single use.
- A single N95 may be used by the same provider on different patient encounters.
- An N95 should be discarded prior to five uses if it is:
  - Damaged
  - Difficult for the provider to breathe through
  - Used during an aerosolized treatment
  - Contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids from patients
- Between uses N95s should be labeled and stored.
  - Storage recommendation: Hang used and labeled N95 in a designated storage area or keep them in a clean, breathable container (i.e. paper bag). Between uses assure that the straps do not touch the interior of the N95
- Perform hand hygiene after the N95 is touched after initial placement during the first use

**The following N95 masks can be used beyond the manufacturer-designated shelf life for COVID-19 (Updates -**https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/release-stockpiled-N95.html)**:

- 3M 1860
- 3M1870
- 3M 8210
- 3M 9010 3M 8000
- Gerson 1730
- Medline/ Alpha Protech NON27501
- Moldex 1512
- Moldex 2201
Drivers
- Before entering the driver’s compartment, remove and dispose of all PPE EXCEPT the N95.
- N95 can only be removed if the driver’s compartment is isolated from the patient compartment (this does not include a simple closing window).
- Perform hand hygiene before entering the driver’s compartment.
- Drivers will don fresh standard contact PPE and utilize same N95 respirator upon arrival at the destination and before opening the patient compartment.
- Leave the patient compartment doors open while transferring patient care.

Surgical Masks
- CDC has stated facemasks are an acceptable alternative (as indicated in the chart below) until supply chain shortages are remedied.
- DO NOT USE when performing aerosolize procedures.
- DO NOT USE with a known or suspected COVID-19 patient.
- DO NOT USE for highly suspicious COVID-19 patient while transporting.

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<td>Present within 6 feet (or in the same room) when patient receives aerosol generating procedure (CPR, BVM, Nebulizer, etc)</td>
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