

**Multnomah County COVID-19 public health  
guidance for law enforcement/first responders  
3-27-2020**

1. Frontline healthcare workers (EMS responders) should use employer-provided PPE under existing infection control policies.
2. Law enforcement and other non-patient care first responders are not recommended to use employer-provided PPE in the course of their routine work because of supply limitations and because other strategies exist for their protection. Those strategies include interacting outdoors and maintaining a 6 foot distance between them and members of the public.
3. If law enforcement and other non patient care first responders must have close contact with a member of the public who shows symptoms of respiratory illness or has known COVID-19, they should use employer-provided PPE under existing policies.

For close contact during apprehension, follow [CDC guidance](#):

- Clean and disinfect duty belt and gear prior to reuse using a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the product label.
- Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering clothes. Avoid shaking the clothes.