



Santa Clara Police

Training Flash



Coronavirus Prevention & Preparedness

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To help reduce the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), PD personnel are being reminded of basic steps they can take to protect themselves.

At this time, the County Public Health recommendations for individuals are very simple, but very important:

- Keep your hands clean by washing them frequently.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you're sick and stay away from people who are sick.
- Start thinking about family preparedness, how to take care of sick family while not getting infected. Think about a room to isolate a sick person.

Additionally, Communications has updated their call taking procedures, which now include asking callers who report a fever and/or breathing issues if they have traveled or been in contact with someone who has travelled outside of the country within 14 days. If the caller has, Dispatchers will use the phrase “**Positive Travel History**” in the call detail.

As an added precaution, the PD has personal protective equipment (PPE) ready for deployment, which include an abundant supply of N95 protective face masks. The masks will be kept in the Watch Commanders office and issued when needed.

We are continuing to follow guidance by state and local health officials for our work environment and the community as a whole as this is an evolving public health situation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found so far, the majority of people who have become infected with COVID-19 have had mild illness. Additional information can be found at: SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates