

Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority

Smallpox Interfacility Transfer Protocol

Part I Section 1

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Purpose: To provide guidelines for the transport of confirmed/suspected smallpox patient.

NOTE: All unnecessary equipment items should be removed from the vehicle to avoid contamination.

EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Remove unnecessary items from the ambulance(s)/transport vehicle to avoid contamination and facilitate decontamination. The ambulance/transport vehicle should be equipped with:
 - a working 2-way communication device (e.g., two-way radio or cellular telephone)
 - any equipment necessary to treat the patient.
 - all necessary equipment to permit adherence to appropriate isolation precautions. (N95 masks, disposable latex and/or vinyl gloves, gowns, shoe covers and a supply of impervious biohazard plastic bags).
2. Transport personnel should be vaccinated prior to transportation or within 24 hours following transportation.
3. Follow the guidelines in the chart by:
 - All transport personnel will wear the following PPE
 - Gloves
 - Gown
 - Shoe Covers
 - N-95 (or higher) protective mask
4. Drape/cover interior of patient compartment and stretcher (utilizing plastic or disposable sheets with plastic backing)
5. Isolate the patient utilizing
 - Place disposable surgical mask on patient
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6. All PPE and linens will be placed in an impervious biohazard plastic bag upon arrival the receiving destination and disposed of in accordance with the direction from the hospital personnel.
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Hospital follows procedures specific to their Medical Control Authority for notifying the approved/designated ambulance service of the need for transport



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AUTHENTICATION AND APPROVAL

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