



## Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District COVID-19 Emergency Vehicle Decontamination Guideline

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the guideline is to provide an outline for the proper decontamination of emergency vehicles after transporting patients with or suspected of having COVID-19.

### **Post Response Procedure for Emergency Vehicle Decontamination:**

- After transporting the patient to VVH, leave the rear doors of the ambulance open to allow for sufficient air changes to aid in removing potentially infectious particles.
  - The time to complete transfer of the patient to VVH staff and complete all documentation should provide sufficient time.

### **All Vehicles Decontamination Process:**

- When cleaning the vehicle, responders will wear a disposable gown and gloves. A face shield or facemask and goggles should also be worn if splashes or sprays during cleaning are anticipated.
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection safety by ensuring adequate ventilation when chemicals are in use. Doors should remain open when cleaning the vehicle.
- Products to be used for cleaning the vehicle include Cavicide “Cavi1” and or bleach (in a concentration of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> cup bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water).
- All surfaces that may have come in contact with the patient or materials contaminated during patient care (e.g., stretcher, rails, control panels, floors, walls, work surfaces) should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using an EPA-registered hospital grade disinfectant in accordance with the product label. (Cavi1 or bleach solution)
- Clean and disinfect reusable patient-care equipment before use on another patient, according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE and regulated medical waste and notify Shift Captain of need for disposal at VVH.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering used linen. Avoid shaking the linen.