



## King County Sheriff's Office Decontamination Procedures

### Procedures for Deputies without PPE

The following are decontamination procedures for deputies who have been in close contact with bodily fluids (i.e. respiratory droplets or saliva) from individuals with COVID 19 symptoms (fever and respiratory symptoms) or known confirmed COVID 19.

1. Wash your hands, face, and parts of your body that were uncovered at a sink or faucet. Use soap and plenty of water.
2. If you do not have access to a sink or faucet, use a moist wipe, clean wet cloth, or a damp paper towel to wipe the parts of your body that were uncovered. Pay special attention to your hands and face.
3. If you lack any cleaning or disinfection supplies request Fire/EMS.
4. Gently blow your nose, wipe your eyelids, eyelashes, and ears with a moist wipe, clean wet cloth, or a damp paper towel.
5. Put the used wipes, cloth or towel in a plastic bag or other sealable container and place the bag in an out-of-the-way place, away from other people and pets.
6. Remove outer layer of clothing. Taking off your outer layer of clothing can remove up to 90%. Be very careful in removing your clothing to prevent any droplets from becoming airborne.
7. Put the clothing in a plastic bag or other sealable container and put the bag in an out-of-the-way place, away from other people and pets.
8. Put on a Tyvek suit.
9. As soon as possible, notify your supervisor.
10. Go to the nearest precinct, substation, or fire station with a shower facility.
11. Take a warm shower and gently wash yourself with lots of soap.
12. Wash your hair with shampoo or soap.
13. Put on a back-up uniform and decontaminate shoes (see below), if they are contaminated.

Procedures are based on CDC recommendations and local fire recommendations best practices.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-law-enforcement.html>



## Decontamination Procedures for Deputies with PPE

The following are decontamination procedures for deputies who have been in close contact from individuals with COVID 19 symptoms (fever and respiratory symptoms) or known confirmed COVID 19.

1. Remove Tyvek suit, apron or gown. Roll inside-out and dispose of.
2. If wearing overshoes, remove them and dispose of.
3. Remove gloves and dispose of.
4. All disposal items should be placed in a plastic bag and placed in a dumpster.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
6. Remove face shield or goggles (from behind the head).
7. Place eye protection in a separate container for reprocessing.
8. Remove mask from behind the head, when removing mask, pull the bottom strap over the head first and the top string next.
9. Wash your hands with soap and water again for at least 20 seconds.

Procedures are based on WHO recommendations and best practices.

[https://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/remove\\_ppequipment.pdf](https://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/remove_ppequipment.pdf)



## Decontamination of Uniforms and Gear

### Uniform decontamination:

- Wash all contaminated clothing separately from other clothing in hot water with laundry detergent.
- Shoe wash: mix 1 cup bleach to 10 cups water in shallow container. Place shoes in the bath for 10 minutes. Wipe down rest of shoes with disinfectant spray (Lysol) or disinfectant wipes (Clorox). Use gloves while disinfecting and handling contaminated shoes.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds after handling any possibly contaminated gear.

### Gun belt, outer vest and duty gear decontamination:

- Use disinfectant spray (Lysol) or disinfectant wipes (Clorox) to wipe down any area that has had contact with "sick" or Confirmed COVID-19 person. Use gloves while disinfecting and handling contaminated gear.
- If your gear is damaged or cannot be decontaminated, notify your supervisor so they can get additional equipment via PMU. This equipment and/or gear is considered Medical Waste and must be disposed of properly (ask fire for assistance).

### Reusable goggles or face shield decontamination:

- Hand wash item in warm water with a suitable detergent and/or EPA-approved disinfectant.
- One recommendation is to soak the item in a 0.5% bleach solution for 30 minutes followed by multiple rinsing and allowing the item to air dry.

### Decontamination of vehicles

- If you transport someone who is you suspect to be ill, decontaminate your back seat with disinfectant or 60% bleach solution in PPE (N-95, gloves and eye pro).
- Use same procedures for transportation of any confirmed COVID-19 patients
  - Locations for full vehicle decontamination are being identified.

EPA-registered materials approved for use against the SARS-COV-2 can be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>.