

## AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY

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All Amherst County Emergency Medical Service and Fire Department Personnel are on the front lines of helping you. In response to the COVID19 pandemic we will be serving you in protective equipment designed to protect the responders and you. This approach to patient care has not been seen in our community for a very long time so please do not be alarmed. We are doing this in an attempt to limit the spread of the virus and as a precaution for all. While no guarantee exists that we are not behind the curve globally, we are making every effort to be proactive and care for many. Please continue to practice social distancing on a daily basis as our key leaders have asked. This is the most important advice that has been given and must be adhered to in order to flatten the curve of transmission. We are all in this together as a community, commonwealth, nation and globally. Everyone has a part in this pandemic and ours as EMS & Fire personnel comes with an increased of risk of being exposed, just like other health care professionals on the front lines with us. Stay calm, don't panic, wash your hands, don't touch your face and continue to practice social distancing. If you become sick with high fever, cough and cold like symptoms seek out your doctor, tele-medicine or a drive thru testing facility in your community. You can treat yourself with Tylenol, water and rest as the care for this illness is supportive.

Thank you, Amherst County Public Safety.