



## EMS Doffing/Gurney Turnover at Barton during COVID-19 Response

**Purpose:** In an effort to decrease potential unintended COVID-19 exposure to Barton staff and visitors and to ensure safe and proper doffing practices by EMS personnel.

**Scope:** Applies to all EMS agencies transferring care of a patient to Barton Hospital. Applies to any patient, regardless of believed COVID-19 risk and status.

### Procedure:

1. Upon entry into Barton Memorial Hospital, EMS personnel will transfer the patient to the designated bed/location.
2. Doff gown and gloves inside of the patient room, sanitize hands and place new gloves on. If EMS personnel places the patient onto a hallway bed, this step can be completed at the nearest hallway doffing station.
3. If blood was collected in the field, EMS personnel will label it in the patient room and hand it off to a nurse while still in the patient room (avoid walking to the nursing station while still in your contaminated PPE).
4. With gown removed and new gloves in place, EMS personnel will exit the patient room with their gurney and proceed directly outside. If Barton staff are available they will push the buttons for EMS personnel to get to the ambulance bay and to be their 'buddy' to ensure proper doffing procedure. If no Barton staff available, EMS personnel will please exit and proceed to the doffing station in the ambulance bay.
5. Once outside at the doffing station in the ambulance bay:
  - a. Remove all linens and place in the linen bin provided in the shed.
  - b. Doff remaining PPE following strict adherence to doffing procedures and using a doffing 'buddy' when available. Place all used PPE into the proper trash receptacle provided.
  - c. Use the sanitizing wipes and linens provided in the shed to wipe down and remake the gurney.
6. If EMS personnel need to return to the ED for paperwork and/or additional supplies, do so once you have completed doffing. **Barton currently requires anyone in the hospital to wear a mask** (this can be any level of protection if wearing only in common areas, including cloth masks).