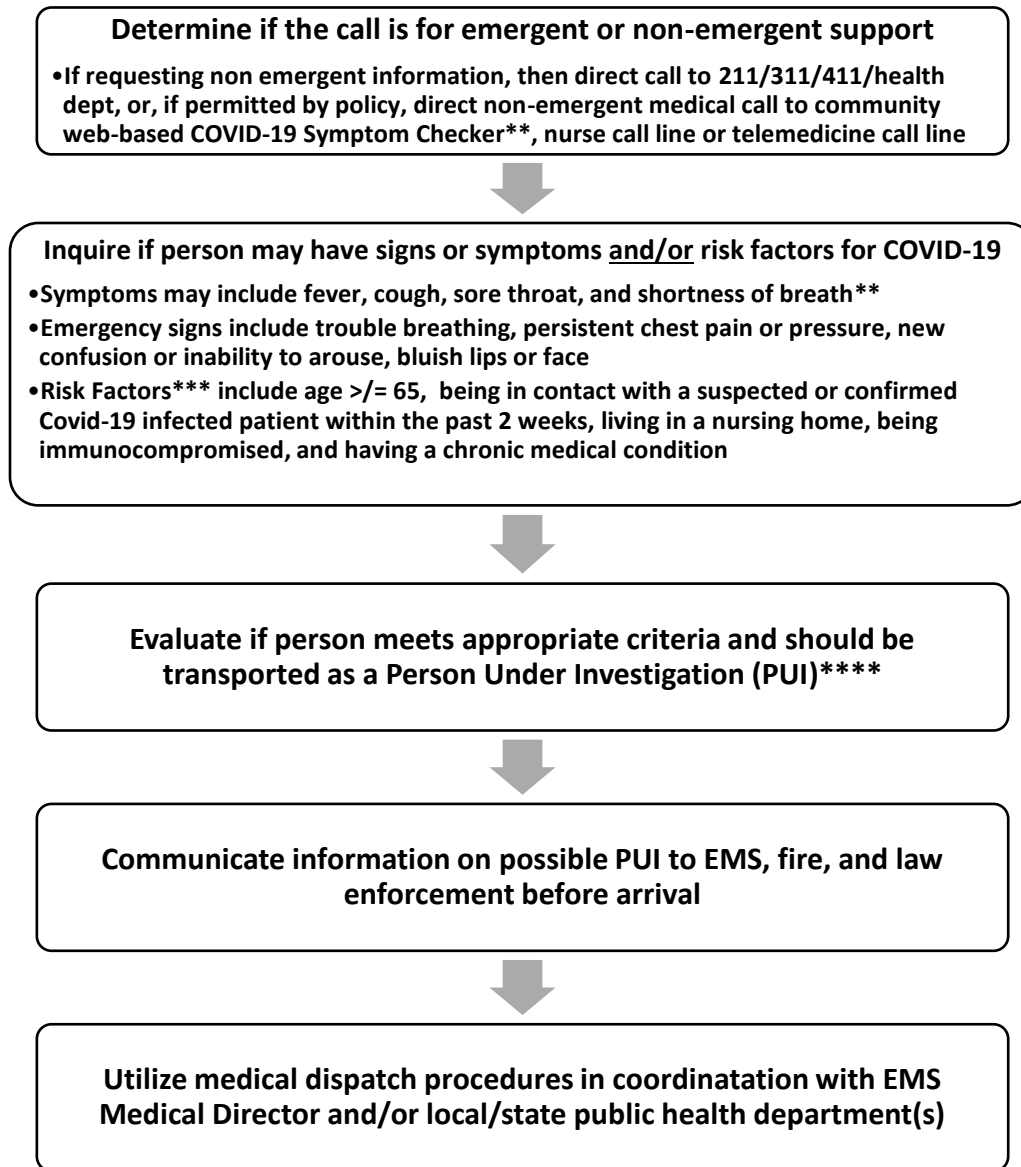


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## 911 Call Taking & Dispatching

these are steps to be considered as part of the 911 center's screening process



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## FIRST RESPONSE (EMS, FIRE) ARRIVAL, TRANSPORT, AND TRANSFER

A single EMS clinician should don appropriate PPE for patient with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 and assess patient separate from all responding personnel not wearing PPE



If the patient meets PUI criteria all clinicians should wear appropriate PPE  
If the patient does not meet PUI criteria, at a minimum wear universal precautions and a respirator/mask



Follow appropriate PPE precautions for aerosol-generating procedures\*\*\*\*\*



Notify receiving healthcare facility that patient has signs or symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, etc.



Keep patient separated from other people as much as possible; consider placing facemask on patient if coughing or respiratory symptoms



Do not allow family members or other contacts of adult patients to ride in ambulance  
\*If patient is a minor, allow one family member or guardian to ride in ambulance with patient\*



Isolate ambulance driver from patient compartment and keep pass-through doors and windows tightly shut



Follow healthcare facility procedures for transfer of patient to receiving healthcare facility



Follow appropriate protocols for cleaning and disinfection of vehicle and equipment



**Doff** PPE following appropriate protocols after decontamination of ambulance



Complete documentation



Notify chain of command if known, unprotected exposure occurred and follow exposure/risk management policies

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