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To: South Algonquin Firefighters
From: Fire Chief
cc: CAO
Date: March 25, 2020
COVID-19 Update and Actions

Hello,

This memo is to provide you with some tools to protect yourself during the COVID 19 outbreak in the event of a fire call.

Advice to avoid contracting the virus includes; cleaning your hands often, avoiding close contact with others, covering coughs and sneezes and cleaning and disinfecting work areas and homes often.

- Our supply of cleaners and disinfectant is adequate and additional stock has been ordered,
- Additional eye protection has been sent to both stations,
- Additional masks have been ordered and will be distributed when they arrive, until such time the existing stock be used,
- Gloves are available at both stations.

Monthly training has been put on hold until further notice due to the provincial order limiting congregation of groups. Truck checks will be completed by teams of no more than two, to maintain readiness. Family members working together would be best, in line with the Provincial Guidelines for social distancing and hygiene. John and Aurel will provide a schedule for these checks.

As we will not be attending in person training, I have included links to videos below which you should review and practice prior to and following a call out.

How to Hand Rub <https://youtu.be/sDUJ4CAYhpA>

How to Hand Wash <https://youtu.be/o9hjmges72I>

Putting on Mask and eye protection <https://youtu.be/1YiLjpLXvg4>

Taking off Mask and eye protection <https://youtu.be/pFJaU9nxmTA>

Taking off gloves <https://youtu.be/WDI0Zj573Js>

The videos are standard practices and should be used even when not in a pandemic.

World Health COVID19 intro <https://vimeo.com/387664679>

In cooperation with the Nipissing Paramedic Management staff, the call centre has been notified that South Algonquin Fire Department will not be assisting with medical calls during the COVID19 outbreak.

I appreciate and thank each of you for your dedication to providing service to our community through this provincial state of emergency.

Don Kruger