



ABSECON

Emergency Services, Inc.

Committed to Care

Date: March 22, 2020

To: Residents of the City of Absecon
Concerned Public

From: Barry J Bruner
Chief Executive Officer

Re: COVID-19 and Absecon Emergency Services

Absecon Emergency Services wishes to convey to all Residents of the City of Absecon that we continue to be here for all your Emergency Medical needs, but under current circumstances amidst the present COVID-19 Pandemic we must impress upon you that calling 911 for an ambulance should only be considered for a true and urgent medical emergency.

We cannot and will not be able to just transport individuals to the hospital for COVID-19 testing. If you are or think you are experiencing mild symptoms and are worried, please DO NOT call 9-1-1. You are advised to follow the current directions of the CDC and call your physician and stay at home and away from others.

You should call 9-1-1 if you develop emergency warning signs as indicated by the CDC which include but are not limited to:

1. Difficulty Breathing or Shortness of Breath
2. Persistent Pain or Pressure in the Chest
3. New Confusion or inability to Arouse
4. Bluish lips or face.
5. Fevers great than 103 F that are not responding to treatment such as fever reducing medication

You are reminded that for mild cases of COVID-19 are able to recover at home and should stay in constant contact with their doctor for guidance.

The 9-1-1 system is for Emergencies only. Keeping this in mind allows our dedicated EMT's and 9-1-1 Dispatchers to be able to respond and help the true emergency cases thus making best use of our presently limited supplies. By taking advantage of 9-1-1 when it is not necessary, you place fellow citizens and our crews at risk.

You are reminded to obtain information regarding COVID-19 from reputable sources such as the State of New Jersey Department of Health, CDC, hotlines set up by the State of NJ, etc. Avoid information on social media that is not from a reputable source as stated above or your local officials.

Continue to practice social distancing and please stay home unless you need to travel to opened and approved business' as indicated by the latest Directives by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.