



West Clinton Fire District

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West Clinton Fire District COVID-19 Response Policy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the West Clinton Fire District have designated as “essential personnel”, all the members and employees of the West Clinton Fire District.

The Commissioners have approved the following COVID-19 response policy on December 28, 2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting our towns and country the volunteers and staff of the West Clinton Fire District have continued to put community service at the forefront and we applaud their continued commitment.

COVID-19 Response Policy

Do not work or volunteer if you are sick. If you develop a fever or symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider for medical advice and guidance before visiting their office.

Any member or employee of the West Clinton Fire District who tests positive for COVID-19 or who was in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 must notify Commissioner Joe Drago immediately:

Cell: 917-881-6344 | Home: 845-889-8006 | Email: njdrago@gmail.com

To protect the safety of members, as required by CDC and local health regulations, notice of the incident must be shared with some members of the Fire District, as well as the Dutchess County Department of Health. The Board of Fire Commissioners will make every effort to protect an individual’s privacy when sharing incident information.



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Any member or employee testing positive is required by the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide the following information, which will be forwarded to the Dutchess County Department of Health:

- The name, address, date of birth and phone of the index
- The date the index first experienced symptoms
- The date of the COVID test
- The name and address of the testing facility
- The type of test
- The date the test result was received

The Dutchess County Department of Health will be in direct contact with you next for contact tracing.

Positive Tested Individuals

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are required by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations to Self- Isolate for 10 days. They must be fever free without medication for lowering temperature for the final 48 hours of self-isolation. The isolation release can be extended depending on recovery from the virus (i.e., special circumstances - immune compromised individuals, critically ill individuals etc.)

Close Contact Individuals

Notify Commissioner Joe Drago immediately if you are contacted by any tracing agency or included as a close contact individual in an active case of a positive tested individual. Close encounter individuals are normally required to immediately quarantine for 14 days by regulation.

As a person designated “Essential” to the West Clinton Fire District, you must still quarantine for 14 days but may continue to work and volunteer for the district providing:

1. You take and pass a COVID-19 test administered by your doctor or administered by the District’s approved testing facility.
2. You remain free of any COVID-19 symptoms.



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3. After work or after a volunteer call, you continue to self-quarantine for the full 14 days from your initial contact with a COVID-19 positive tested individual.
4. You do not test positive. If your test results are positive for COVID-19, suspend all volunteer and work activities and notify Commissioner Joe Drago immediately.

During the period you await your test results you may continue to work and volunteer, providing you meet all of the above requirements. Masking, social distancing, twice daily temperature monitoring is required to protect yourself and those around you at work or on emergency calls. Please disinfect your workspace 30 minutes before your change of shift to protect colleagues utilizing the same space.

The Fire District will reimburse the Copay amount for individuals with health care coverage on any work related COVID-19 close contact cases. The Fire District will pay for COVID-19 tests of non-insured individuals providing the tests are administered at the District's approved testing centers. Contact your Chief or EMS Supervisor for the approved list.

Any paid staff member, who tests positive for COVID-19, will continue to receive their compensation from the District if it can be traced back to their work for the District.

Contact your EMS Supervisor for details.

More on Close Contact Individuals

Definition: Those individuals who are in close contact for 10 or more minutes with a positive COVID-19 individual must quarantine for a 14-day period. Close contact can be cumulative, it does not have to be a specific 10–15-minute period of time right next to a COVID positive individual; this accumulation of time could be 15 minutes with an individual who may be in the same room as you or walking past you often.



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Return to Work:

Follow the West Clinton Fire District return-to-work policy after recovering from the illness.

A paid employee or volunteer can be suspended from serving the District if they are found to violate this policy.

This policy will be amended as regulations change in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic affecting our country.