PPE CHECKLIST - BREACH Protocol

1. If a breach in PPE is suspected and there has been exposure to a patient’s body fluids, go to designated doffing area immediately. Remain calm and work slowly through each step outlined in this document.

2. Work with trained observer to remove PPE as per the step-by-step instructions for doffing PPE, taking care to avoid any further self-contamination.

3. If exposed area is intact skin, wash the affected area well with soap and water.

4. If exposed area is a mucous membrane or eye flush the area with generous amounts of water.

5. If a percutaneous injury occurs, do not promote bleeding by squeezing the wound and do not soak the wound in bleach or disinfectant. Wash the area with soap and water.

6. Immediately follow health authority protocol for reporting a breach.

Note: In most regions, report the exposure immediately by calling workplace health. If it is after hours, call the medical health officer on call to report the breach and receive further instructions.

If Breach occurs while enroute and no decon available follow these steps

TEAR IN PPE
1. Remain Calm and Immediately wipe down suspected breach with disinfecting wipe.
2. Apply approved duct tape to reseal PPE.
4. Team Leader will determine if immediate decon is possible or to continue to destination.
5. Upon arrival or when possible follow steps above.

BREACH IN GLOVES
1. Remain calm and Immediately Disinfect gloves with disinfectant wipe or ABHR.
2. Remove outer gloves and discard in infectious waste container.
3. Disinfect inner gloves with disinfectant wipe or ABHR.
4. Inspect inner gloves for possible breach.
5. If no breach allow inner gloves to dry for 1 minute and replace outer gloves with clean pair.
7. If inner gloves are breached contact team leader for possible emergency decon.
8. As soon as possible follow step by step breach procedure outlined above.