

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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TO: All Public Safety Answering Points within Suffolk County
All EMS & Fire Agencies within Suffolk County

FROM: Thomas Fealey *TF*
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RE: SUSPENSION OF “FCT” SUFFIX FOR EMD CODE DETERMINANTS

Effective immediately, local Public Safety Answering Points may opt to cease usage of the “FCT” EMD determinant suffix for previously identified quarantined residences. This is being done in recognition that many of these address designations are no longer valid and / or unreliable given the extent of the pandemic spread within Suffolk County and the Long Island region.

PSAPs will continue to utilize EMD protocol card 36 for pandemic screening and interrogation of all influenza-like-illness complaints. Calls that fall outside the Pandemic Card will continue to be asked if symptoms of fever or cough are present for any members of the household, and affirmative responses should have the “FC” suffix added to the EMD determinant code. This applies to both EMS and Fire responses. In addition, the “ID” suffix (Infectious Disease) remains in place to indicate a response with suspicion of potential Ebola Virus Disease / Viral Hemorrhagic Fever.

Use of the “FCT” suffix may be re-evaluated and implemented in the future as needs dictate.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Suffolk County EMS Division office at 631-852-5080 should you have any questions. Thank you.



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