

Calvert County Fire Rescue EMS



Apparatus Decontamination Process

Version 2

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1. Decontamination is available 24 x 7 at CalvertHealth.
2. The decontamination service is intended for ambulances but the process can accommodate any piece of apparatus that a member company believes may have been contaminated.
3. The intent of this service is to decontaminate after every transport and in any other situation where a piece of apparatus may have been contaminated.
4. There is no requirement that ambulances go through decontamination after every transport, but the service is available, intended to cause minimal delay, and is funded by the county in order to help keep our member providers and the public safe.
5. The decontamination area is set up near the CalvertHealth ER entrance, in the parking lot next to the water tower.
6. The decontamination area includes Overpack drums, hand sanitizer, and a canopy tent with beverages for crew members.
7. Upon leaving the ER, bring sheets and coverings for the stretcher, but leave the stretcher uncovered to provide it better decontamination.
8. The full crew can ride in the ambulance from ER and head to the decontamination area. Or the driver only can take the ambulance while the rest of the crew disposes of PPE at the ER entrance.
9. If any crew members dispose of PPE at the ER, they should not re-enter the vehicle until the decontamination process is complete.

10. Remove the cardiac monitor/defibrillator from the ambulance prior to the decontamination service. It can be placed on the ground next to the ambulance and the decontamination crew will sanitize it.
11. Once the ambulance is parked, driver and crew should exit and doff PPE. Place PPE into a plastic trash bag and place the trash bag into the Overpack drum.
12. Apply hand sanitizer and then driver and crew may enter the canopy tent.
13. The decontamination service will begin and include:
 - Touch points on the exterior of the vehicle
 - Fogger in the interior of the vehicle
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14. If there are any bodily fluids visible to the decontamination team, the process will stop and the apparatus crew will be asked to clean this up. This may require donning PPE and then doffing that PPE immediately.
15. The process should take roughly 10 minutes and the crew will be notified when they can return to the vehicle.
16. The stretcher can remain in the rear of the ambulance during decontamination, ideally uncovered, and the crew will then need to dress up the stretcher after the decontamination process.
17. The process will not harm anything that is left in the vehicle, including cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc. If a crew member wants to take something personal out of the vehicle prior to decontamination, that item should be sanitized prior to returning it to the vehicle.
18. If an ambulance transports to an out of county location, the crew may choose to remain in their PPE and head to CalvertHealth for the decontamination service.

The decontamination service is being delivered by Pristine, Inc.

They can be reached 24 x 7 at 800-858-6208 if any issues or concerns arise.

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