



POLICE RESPONSE DURING COVID-19 SHELTER-IN-PLACE May 4, 2020

Police protection will continue uninterrupted. Anyone experiencing an emergency should dial **911**. For non-emergency police issues please call 510-578-4237.

Our Police Department will continue to receive calls for service and will be prepared to address any needs for police service. Callers are asked that when they contact our dispatch center, please be prepared to answer questions related to any potential COVID-19 exposure.

- Have you or anyone in your household come in contact with someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus in the last thirty days?
- Have you had a fever or cough in the last three days?
- Have you traveled out of the country within the last thirty days?

These questions are being asked in order to provide for a safe response for our Police Officers and to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, the Newark Police Department will utilize telephone reporting for documenting some property crimes and informational reports that do not require direct Police contact.

You should also be aware that Police Officers contact hundreds of people on a daily basis. All patrol vehicles are equipped with nitrile gloves, protective masks, and eye protection. Police Officers are allowed to use these materials in their discretion and many will be doing so in order to limit exposure and transmission of the virus. Please do not assume that the officer has COVID-19 or that someone who has been exposed is involved on that call.

Police will also ask to refrain from calling dispatch to report potential COVID-19 county order violations. This will allow dispatchers the ability to focus on emergency calls. Instead, if you believe there is a county order violation, call the Community Development main line at (510) 578-4330.

Records Division functions is by appointment only by emailing policerecords@newark.org.

Newark PD adjusted its deployment models to reduce potential for cross exposures between police teams. The Department has reduced the potential for exposure by allowing the community to report many property crimes over the phone. Please rest assured that officers are still responding to in-progress crimes.