Based on guidance from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NFPA 1851, any gear suspected of having been exposed to COVID-19 must be isolated and bagged until an accurate determination has been made. **NO PRELIMINARY EXPOSURE REDUCTION MEASURES HAVE PROVEN EFFECTIVE.**

Any gear either confirmed or suspected of exposure shall be subjected to the following while observing universal precautions:

1. Isolate and bag gear at scene.
2. Subject gear to a disinfection cycle in accordance with NFPA 1851, using an appropriate EPA-registered disinfectant. 
   a. If extractor is not available, a soak tank may be used (ref: NFPA 1851 Annex item 7.4.4.1).
3. Following disinfection cycle, subject garments to a specialized cleaning, as per NFPA 1851, which allows for temperatures up to 140°F for specialized cleaning.

For COVID-19, CDC recommends the use of cleaning products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims. You can access a list here: [https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2)

Note, however, that not every cleaning product is suitable for turnout clothing materials, and the selection process should include consideration of the product’s intended use; its formulation and active ingredients; the product manufacturer’s instructions for disinfection; and any personnel or material hazards.


Note: This Bulletin contains only a general description of the products shown. While product uses and performance capabilities are generally described, the products shall not, under any circumstances, be used by untrained or unqualified individuals. The products shall not be used until the product instructions/user manual, which contains detailed information concerning the proper use and care of the products, including any warnings or cautions, have been thoroughly read and understood. Specifications are subject to change without prior notice.