

**COVID-19 Ambulance Preparation**

**Unit Preparation Prior to Transport:**

* All exposed items that will not be used within the patient compartment need to be stowed in an outside compartment or protected position.
* All exposed items will need to be thoroughly decontaminated after transport, so anything that is not essential to the transport at hand should be stowed.
* The Driver's compartment should be isolated from the patient compartment using sliding doors, window, or plastic sheeting.
* **Currently (ambulance) 01, has been compartmentalized using plastic sheeting and tape.**
* **Ambulance exhaust fans should be used** and air recycling setting on ambulance air conditioners should not be used.
* **To enhance negative pressure ventilation, the driver’s window should be cracked in conjunction with use of the exhaust fan in the rear compartment.**
* **The patient compartment window can also be cracked- if the plastic seal between the compartments is air tight, patient compartment window will have to be cracked.**

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