BLS Respiratory Clinic (providers)

Verify Scene Safety. First responder dons complete PPE including face shield or goggles if not already.

Victim unresponsive. Open door and activate emergency response system (local response team and 911). Clear information "rapid response – 63 yo male – respiratory distress (breathing/not breathing), presumptive COVID positive and will need ALS transport. Shut the door.

Simultaneously look for breathing and check carotid pulse x 10 seconds.

Normal breathing, has pulse

Return to victim and monitor until emergency response has arrived. Administer O2 nasal cannula 4 L. Cover with mask. Have patient sit in most comfortable position.

No breathing or gasping, no pulse

No normal breathing (gasp), has pulse

Lie supine, head tilt to maintain airway. Administer O2 nasal cannula 4 L. Cover with mask. Apply AED as soon as one is available. Monitor pulse and for absence of breathing. See algorithm to left regarding when to start compressions.

AED analyzes shockable rhythm.

Shockable rhythm

Give one shock. Resume compression only CPR immediately for 2 minutes or until prompted by AED for a rhythm check.

Non-shockable rhythm

Resume compression only CPR for 2 minutes or until prompted by AED for a rhythm check.

911 response:

- Phone call made by nearest LPN who will now be involved in code

Local response team:

- Provider lead
- RN lead
- LPN
- Designated MAs at time of code