

# EMS Flowchart to Assess Potential COVID-19 Patients

PSC Public Safety Communication

For the evaluation of patient who may be experiencing flu-like symptoms *\*Adopted from San Mateo County Health, CA*



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