

- Face masks should **ONLY** be worn if likely to be in close contact (within 2 metres) with a person who has COVID-19 like symptoms. If possible the member of public should wear a face mask, which the staff shall provide.
- If the member of the public is wearing a mask officers do not need to wear a mask.
- Follow procedure for ensuring that you have access to the PPE that is required i.e. contact facilities.
- Disposable gloves shall be worn if physical contact is likely to be made with a suspected infected person or with potentially contaminated areas or items.
- Anti-viral hand gels, wipes and other decontamination products should be available to officers and held in vehicles.
- After contact with the individual, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water at the earliest opportunity. Alcohol hand gel is recommended if soap and water is not available. If you use anti-viral hand gels you must wash your hands at the earliest opportunity.
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes or nose, unless you have recently cleaned your hands after having contact with the individual.
- Officers should wash their hands with soap and water immediately on return to the station.

**c) Stop Search of a persons suspected of having COVID-19**  
**Owner: Bronze Ops**

Control measures are to be task-specific but could include the following

- Previously detailed PPE worn
- Hand protection mandatory
- Face mask worn as appropriate and subject to assessment – dependent on Dynamic Risk Assessment – mandatory if COVID-19 is suspected

#### **d) Arrest of individuals**

##### **Owner Bronze Ops**

This strategy gives direction and clarity to all staff of the States of Jersey Police (SoJP) with regards to implementing critical actions due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19). This strategy complies with areas of the Gold Commander's strategic objectives set out at the beginning of this document.

During this period of critical activity all officers should ask themselves is the arrest of an individual **absolutely necessary**.

The way in which the identity of the suspect is discovered has a bearing on how and when an arrest should be made. If there is a choice, it is usually between making an early arrest and conducting a planned arrest. The decision about timing depends on a number of factors, which should be kept under continuous review.

#### **Is the arrest absolutely necessary?**

Does the suspect pose a serious risk to the safety of the victim, witnesses or the general public? (NDM/THRIVE)

- Is there a likelihood that the suspect will commit further or more serious offences?
- Is the suspect likely to destroy, conceal or falsify evidence that will obstruct the investigation?
- Is the suspect a flight risk?

If the above grounds exist then arrest and refer to the SoJP Custody Initial Action Plan.

On all other occasions details should be recorded and verified, address confirmed and evidence seized.

Case progression will be down to the OIC and their supervisors. It is essential that there is an investigation plan and timeline.