

PPE Requirements for Direct and Indirect Patient Care Staff

Low Risk NOTE: This level does not include any patient care	Moderate Risk *If interaction is being within 6 ft. of the patient or with the patient for > 10 minutes	High Risk *If interaction is being within 6 ft. of the patient or with the patient for > 10 minutes	High Risk During Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) ** On Highly Infectious Respiratory illness patient (Suspected or Confirmed) (i.e. COVID (+))
WHEN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When unable to maintain > 6 feet of distance when walking in the halls at work. At offices and desks when you cannot maintain distance of 6ft or more. WHERE: **** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinics & Hospital Long-term Care Outpatient Ancillary Services (therapy/ lab/ radiology/ cardiac services/ respiratory) Home Health Door Screeners All indirect patient care departments PPE Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 mask minimum (procedure mask) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloth mask ONLY when Level 1 mask not available. 	WHEN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well patient visits Care to ALL ER or hospitalized patient without confirmed or suspected highly infectious respiratory illness (COVID-19). As patient's symptoms/condition warrants (i.e. resp. symptoms, hypoxia, shortness of breath, cough etc...) without confirmed or suspected highly infectious illness. During 1:1 consultation with a patient/resident without a Plexiglas barrier. WHERE: *** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinics Emergency Department Acute Care & Obstetrical Long-term Care Outpatient Ancillary Services (therapy/ lab/ radiology/ cardiac services/ respiratory) Home Health HIM & Business Office PPE Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye protection – Highly Recommended (in some departments this may be required) KN95 or Surgical Mask 	WHEN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient has suspected or confirmed highly infectious illness (i.e. COVID-19 or a PUI patient) Collecting nasopharyngeal specimen for COVID testing, influenza, or respiratory panel for suspected illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a N95 mask is not available recommendations would be to wear a KN95 or a surgical mask. WHERE: *** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinics* Emergency Department Acute Care & Obstetrical Long-term Care* Outpatient Ancillary Services (therapy/ lab/ radiology/ cardiac services/ respiratory)* Home Health* PPE Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAPR or N95 Respirator[◊] + eye protection – Required Gown Gloves <p><i>*If N95 supplies become strained the hospital/ER departments will be priority departments for supply. Other departments will use PAPRs, KN95, or surgical mask.</i></p>	WHEN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During airway procedures on ALL patients During ALL cardiac arrest or Respiratory Code Blue situations During ANY aerosol-generating procedure (AGP) WHERE: *** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinics Emergency Department Acute Care & Obstetrical Long-term Care Outpatient Ancillary Services (therapy/ lab/ radiology/ cardiac services/ respiratory) Home Health PPE Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAPR or N95 Respirator[◊] + eye protection – Required Gown Gloves <p>Negative airflow room preferred. If not available, ensure room door is closed. See COVID-19 Aerosol Procedures Policy on Power DMS.</p> <p>[◊] Associates wearing a PAPR, ½ face respirator or N95 with an exhalation valve MUST also wear a surgical or KN95 mask to cover the exhalation valve or wear under the PAPR hood. Half-face respirator with N95 filter or greater is also acceptable in place of an N95 respirator.</p>

Must complete hand hygiene at all levels upon entry or exit of a room regardless of PPE being worn or isolation situation

**Aerosol Generating Procedures include: (NIPPV) – BiPAP, CPAP, Assisted ventilations (with a BVM), Endotracheal (ET) Intubation/extubation, Open suctioning of Airway, Sputum Induction, Bronchoscopy, High Velocity Nasal Insufflation (HVNI) or VapoTherm, and during CPR.

ONLY if patient is confirmed or suspected to have a highly infectious respiratory illness: Nebulizer Treatment (SVN TX), Any time oxygen supplementation need is > 6 lpm

*** Surgery department has specific guidelines for PPE based on procedures and workflow. Surgery to see departmental policy

**** EVS department has specific guidelines for PPE passed on room isolation types. EVS to see PPE for Environmental Services Infection Control table

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