AMBULATORY CARE INFECTION PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Care of all Patients
Follow Standard Precautions. This applies to all patients, regardless of communicable disease status and includes:

1. Hand hygiene.
2. Cough etiquette.
   Cloth Mask: Wear a cloth mask until PPE is needed. A cloth mask is not PPE.
3. Injection safety.
4. Personal protective equipment (PPE). This is based on anticipated exposure to blood and body fluids. PPE to consider include the following:
   a. Gloves: If you reasonably expect to come in contact with non-intact skin, mucous membranes, body fluids, secretions or excretions.
   b. Gowns: If you reasonably expect that your uniform or clothing could get soiled.
   c. Face mask/Eye protection: Use during care activities where there is a chance of splash or spray of body fluids, blood, excretions or secretions. Always use procedure mask when performing lumbar puncture.

- Masks should always be worn covering nose and mouth.
- If the mask is moved from position, discard it. Never wear masks around the neck.
- Handle used mask by ear loops or strings ONLY.
- Never touch front of the mask.
- Perform hand hygiene after handling used mask.

Additional PPE Supplies can be ordered via the Lawson Portal.

Care of Patient with Acute Viral Respiratory Illness Symptoms

- Follow Standard Precautions.
- Required PPE: Face mask, eye protection and gloves.

Care of Patient with History of a Positive COVID-19 Test

- 28 or more days after the first positive test: Follow standard precautions and routine procedures.
- Less than 28 days after the first positive test: Face mask, eye protection and gloves. Consider deferring visits until after 28 days.
  • Count starts day after positive test

For additional information, refer to the Standard Precautions Policy.