

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](#).