# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Recommendations for Patient Care (Inpatient & Ambulatory)

Use **standard precautions** in the care of all other patients based on anticipated exposure to blood & body fluid. **Standard precautions** may be used in addition to required PPE in patients in transmission-based precaution. PPE to consider based on exposure may include some or all of the following:

- Gloves
- Gowns
- Face Mask
- Eye Protection

### Guidelines for Care of SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 patients:

- Confirmed positive COVID-19
- Signs or symptoms of respiratory illness
- Pending respiratory viral testing
- Presumed positive

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- Gloves Only

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**Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs):**

- Bronchoscopy
- Nebulization
- NIPPV
- Open tracheal suctioning
- Intubation/extubation
- ENT or GI endoscopies
- TEE
- High flow O2
- Naso-enteric tube placement

**Code BLUE/PINK AMET/CMET**

Don before entering room

- Refer to: P4 and CRC documents

For a patient (not + or PUI) that codes – limit team members in room during intubation, N95s should be worn by airway management team, compressors, RRT RN

¹Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) indicated for caregivers for whom an N95 mask does not fit.

²Face mask usage:
- Masks should always be worn covering nose & mouth
- Handle used mask by ear loops or strings ONLY
- Never touch front of the mask
- Perform hand hygiene after handling used mask
- Fabric and cloth masks ARE NOT considered PPE