**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

During times of moderate to substantial community COVID-19 transmission, caregivers will wear eye protection in addition to a face mask to ensure the eyes, nose, and mouth are all protected. A full face shield will be the preferred eye protection used by caregivers in clinical areas because this eye protection offers the advantage of covering and protecting the mask.

### 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**

#### Inpatient setting: Patients are immediately placed in appropriate isolation precautions (Specified Precautions or Droplet/Contact + Eyewear)

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**Inpatient Setting: Caregivers Actively Seeing Patients**

Refers to: [P4 and CBC documents](https://example.com)

#### Collection of Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal Swab for Respiratory Viral Specimen Test (including COVID-19)

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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

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### Code BLUE/PINK AMET/CMET

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*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*

### References

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

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