





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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	 N95 ¹ (fit-tested respirator)	 Face Mask ² (surgical or ear-loop mask)	 Protective Eyewear (face shield preferred)	 Gown & Gloves
Ambulatory Setting: Caregivers Actively Seeing Patients		✓	✓	Gloves Only
Inpatient Setting: Caregivers Actively Seeing Patients PPE for Oxygen Therapy Transport Guide for Clinicians		✓	✓	✓
Collection of Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal Swab for Respiratory Viral Specimen Test (including COVID-19)		✓	✓	✓
Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 CBC 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	✓		✓	✓

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