





# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Recommendations for Caregivers in Procedural Areas and Operating Rooms

	 N95 <sup>1</sup> (fit-tested respirator)	 Face Mask <sup>2</sup> (surgical or ear-loop mask)	 Protective Eyewear (goggles or face shield)	 Gown & Gloves
COVID-19 <b>NEGATIVE</b> patients (by PCR or rapid test)	<p>Use <a href="#">standard precautions</a> in the care of all other patients based on anticipated exposure to blood &amp; 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Gowns</li> <li>• Face Mask</li> <li>• Eye Protection</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>			
<b>All Other Patients</b>				
<p><b>Performing procedures and surgeries with minimal aerosol risk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open or skin surface; laparoscopic; non-endoscopic surgery</li> </ul> <p>Consider venting pneumo-peritoneum through filter. Consider use of smoke evacuation Bovie pencils</p>	✓ <b>Anesthesia Team ONLY</b>	✓ Other caregivers wear mask and leave room during intubation/extubation	✓ Full face shield for COVID-19+ during intubation	✓
<p><b>Performing highest risk procedure or if possible risk of aerolization:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronchoscopy</li> <li>• Nebulization</li> <li>• Tracheostomy</li> <li>• NIPPV</li> <li>• Open tracheal suctioning</li> <li>• Intubation/Extubation</li> <li>• ENT or GI endoscopies</li> <li>• TEE</li> <li>• High flow O2</li> <li>• Naso-enteric tube placement</li> <li>• ENT or skull base surgery</li> <li>• Oropharyngeal surgery</li> <li>• Other tracheal or lung surgery</li> </ul>	✓		✓ Full face shield for COVID-19+	✓

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

<sup>2</sup> 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