

COVID-19 PPE Use and Reuse

In general, healthcare providers caring for patients with undiagnosed respiratory infections should follow Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions with eye protection unless the suspected diagnosis requires Airborne Precautions.

- When removed, PPE should be discarded in a dedicated container for waste.
- Conservation of PPE: encouraging only essential staff in the room and clustering care



Gloves: single use, don new set with each patient encounter. Perform hand hygiene before donning and after doffing.



Gown: single use, don new gown with each encounter.



Surgical Mask: single use, don new mask with each encounter.



Mask & Splashguard: single use, don new mask with each encounter. Personal glasses/contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.



N95: worn with Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP): single use unless your area has been approved for N95 reprocessing. Refer to N95 Respirator Reuse SOP for guidance. If your area is not approved, N95 is single use.



Goggles: multiple use. Wipe down with a hospital approved disinfectant to kill COVID after each encounter. Allow to air dry (noting disinfectant kill time). Store in plastic bag. Personal glasses/contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.



Full Face Shield: multiple use. Wipe down a hospital approved disinfectant to kill COVID after each encounter. Allow to air dry (noting disinfectant kill time). Store in plastic bag. Personal glasses/contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.



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