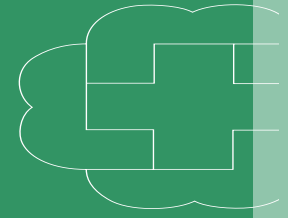


COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines



Situation:

All staff working in patient care areas **with direct patient contact** will be provided a medical grade isolation mask daily to use throughout their shift to replace the cloth mask. Obtain your medical grade isolation mask at the beginning of your shift when reporting to your patient care area. The medical grade isolation mask will be disposed of at the end of each shift.

** Note – the medical grade masks may not all be the same color due to different vendors and donations **

Guidelines for Medical Grade Isolation Mask:

- All staff are required to wear a cloth mask when reporting to their work area. Staff who don't have direct patient contact will continue to wear the cloth mask throughout their shift.
- All staff with direct patient contact will receive a medical grade isolation mask from their leader or designated person at the beginning of the shift and/or when first reporting to the area.
 - Example: A respiratory therapist will obtain a mask from the patient care area they first report to.
- When the medical grade isolation mask needs to be removed (lunch, breaks etc.) each staff member will be provided a paper bag to place the mask in. The paper bag should be labeled with your name on it.
- A mask still needs to be worn outside the patient care area (either medical grade or cloth mask).
- You should NOT wear a cloth mask over a medical grade isolation mask. This practice is not supported by Infection Prevention as it causes excess moisture and breakdown of the isolation mask.
- A face shield must be worn over the medical grade isolation mask in the following scenarios to preserve the clean mask throughout the day and serve as eye protection:
 - When standard precautions indicate a need for a mask (strep swab, irrigating a wound or suctioning secretions etc.)
 - Contact/Contact plus precaution room
 - Droplet and droplet plus precautions room
 - For EVS staff when cleaning any isolation room
- The face shield should be cleaned after use per standard work.
- The same medical grade isolation mask is worn through entire shift unless visibly soiled, damaged, or becomes difficult to breathe through.

Personal Protection Equipment Configuration Grid

	PAPR OR N-95 + face shield	Isolation Mask	Face Shield/ Goggles	Gown	Gloves	Hand Hygiene	Donated Cloth Mask
Inpatient:							
Staff entering room of confirmed or suspected (test pending) COVID-19 patient		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff entering room of confirmed or suspected (test pending) COVID-19 patient or influenza patient during aerosol generating procedures (enhanced droplet precautions)	X			X	X	X	
Staff entering room of unknown respiratory viral patient		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff entering room of unknown respiratory viral patient		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff entering room of Droplet, Contact or Contact Plus patients		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff entering room of standard precautions patients (non-isolation)		X				X	
Mask indicated by standard precautions for a task		X	X			X	
EVS staff performing post-discharge clean of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient (after allowing room to be vacant for one hour)		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff pushing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient in a medical bed/stretchers/wheelchair. Patient must be wearing isolation mask and covered with a clean sheet.		X				X	
Nurse accompanying transport of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient potentially needing clinical intervention while transporting		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff in ancillary departments where a confirmed or suspect COVID-19 patient is seen		X	X	X	X	X	
Staff in clinical areas, outside of patient rooms		X				X	
Staff who do not enter patient care areas						X	X
Outpatient Testing Or Practices:							
Staff in areas where a confirmed or suspect COVID-19 patient is seen		X	X	X	X	X	
Mask indicated by standard precautions for a task		X	X			X	
Staff in clinical areas, outside of patient rooms		X				X	
Staff who do not enter patient care areas						X	X

*For questions or concerns please contact your leader and/or refer to the below infection prevention policies

- [System IP O-01 STANDARD PRECAUTIONS PROCEDURE AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS GUIDELINE](#)
[System IP O-01a DROPLET AND DROPLET PLUS PRECAUTIONS: GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS IN HOSPITALS](#)

