

Personal Protective Equipment

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When Direct Client Care is being provided

Type of PPE	For all Direct Client Care	Enhanced Precautions/ Droplet/ Contact Precautions	Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (performed or anticipated) * For suspected COVID or confirmed COVID cases.	All Code Blues
N95 Masks				
Goggles or Face Shields				
Masks		 Once COVID-19 has been ruled out		
Gowns & Gloves	(if contact with body fluids) 			

Note: A mask/shield can also be worn to replace a mask and goggles/face shield.

A face shield or goggles must be worn over prescription eye wear.

*Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP):

Endotracheal intubation, including during cardio pulmonary resuscitation
 Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation during airway management
 Open airway suctioning
 Bronchoscopy (diagnostic or therapeutic)
 Sputum induction (diagnostic or therapeutic)
 Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation for acute respiratory failure (CPAP, BIPAP)

High flow oxygen therapy (includes heated high flow)
 Nebulized medications by small volume nebulizer
 Humidified O2 therapy using large volume nebulizer
 Any airway clearance therapies such as Cough Assist
 Artificial airway care –such as performing a tracheostomy or providing tracheostomy care
 •Artificial Oral Airway insertion with the intention of bagging (bagging is the aerosol generating procedure)
 Ref: Public Health Ontario. Updated IPAC measures for COVID-19, March 25, 2020

To determine what PPE you need to wear, ask these questions:

1. What are the environmental conditions? (i.e. if client is in isolation, follow **enhanced precautions** or droplet/contact precautions)
2. What is the extent of contact with the client or client's equipment?
3. What is the risk of contamination of bodily fluids based on the procedure?
4. How difficult is the procedure and what is your experience with the procedure?
5. What is the client's level of understanding and level of cooperation?
6. Will there be a potential for splashing or spraying of secretions or excretions?