

Guidelines for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)

For your reference, following is a list of aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) that may create uncontrolled secretions. A team member's N95 respirator must continue to be removed, discarded and replaced after use with any of these AGPs, regardless of the patient's COVID-19 status.

- open suctioning of airways
- sputum induction
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- endotracheal intubation and extubation
- bronchoscopy
- manual ventilation

In addition, out of an abundance of caution and due to uncertainty about whether infectious aerosols may be generated, an N95 respirator is required while performing the following procedures. Please note that after performing the following procedures, the N95respirator **does not need to be discarded and replaced**.

- nebulizer administration (attempts should be made to minimize use of procedures with nebulization)
- non-invasive ventilation (e.g., BiPAP, CPAP)
- high flow O2 delivery (patient should wear a procedure mask while receiving this treatment when possible)