Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines

Applicable to PPE use in the hospital setting, including the emergency department, and ambulatory settings

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These guidelines apply in cases when PPE is worn for individual patient interactions.

PPE	Use	Details
Gowns	√	 Impervious/Fluid-resistant: Blood or body fluid risk, including aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs) such as intubation, regardless of patient's COVID-19 status. Remove if contaminated. Isolation: When there is no blood or body fluid risk. Remove if contaminated.
Eye protection (mask with face shield, face shield or goggles)	>	Use with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients, for all AGPs, and for all encounters with any individual who is unable to wear a mask. If reusing, disinfect with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved wipe, air dry, and place in labeled bag with name.
Procedure maskImage: Constraint of the second seco		Required to be worn at all times in the hospital, ambulatory or practice office settings. Patients should wear a procedure mask when outside their room and in their room whenever possible.
N95 respirator	√	Worn for all patient encounters where individuals have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 status. Worn for all AGPs regardless of patient's COVID-19 status. Discard after use. Between uses, N95 respirators must be stored in a breathable bag labeled with name. Sealed plastic bags are not acceptable for N95 storage.

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