Attention!

PPE requirements when providing direct patient care to Rule Out patients or during aerosol generating procedures

- Procedure mask must be changed when leaving a rule out room
- Face shield must be cleaned when leaving a rule out room

Please note the use of the shield is a key component to enhance protection to prevent exposures. It is essential that the shield be worn consistently throughout the shift. This includes time spent in the unit outside of the patient room.

Many of the exposures to staff have occurred when taking breaks while eating and drinking because of the necessity of removing the mask and shield. It is essential that the area is limited to only the number of people that can remain a safe distance of 6 feet apart at all times while masks and shields are removed.