

Mask and Shield Update 10/7/20

Due to recent staff exposures to COVID-19 the following mask/shield requirement is in effect for all staff providing care to patients until further notice:

Mask and Shield Update (Other PPE requirements remain unchanged, i.e., gown, gloves, etc.)

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ICU and ED:

For all patients in the ICU and ED: A N95 mask with procedure mask covering and eye protection (goggles or face shield) shall be worn.

Known COVID-19 positive: Use N95 + Procedure Mask + Goggles or Face Shield. Use the same N95 for one patient only. After leaving the room discard the Procedure Mask and remove and store the N95 Mask for the next entry into that room for the same patient and disinfect the shield.

Rule outs and known COVID-19 negative patients: Use N95 + Procedure Mask + Goggles or Face Shield. After leaving the room discard the procedure mask, disinfect the shield and place new procedure mask over N95 and reapply the shield for the next patient.

All Clinical Units:

Known COVID-19 positive: Use N95 + Procedure Mask + Goggles or Face Shield. Use the same N95 for one patient only. After leaving the room discard the Procedure Mask and remove and store the N95 Mask for the next entry into that room for the same patient and disinfect the shield.

Rule out COVID-19 patients: Use N95 + Procedure Mask + Goggles or Face Shield. After leaving the room discard the procedure mask, disinfect the shield and place new procedure mask over N95 and reapply the shield for the next patient.

COVID-19 negative patients: Procedure Mask + Goggles or Face Shield. May wear the same intact, non-compromised Procedure Mask and disinfected shield for multiple known negative patients.

REMINDER FOR ALL CLINICAL AREAS: FOR ALL AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES ON ALL PATIENTS INCLUDING COVID 19 NEGATIVE PATIENTS – USE A N95 MASK + PROCEDURE MASK + GOGGLES or FACESHIELD.

Aerosol generating procedures include but are not limited to:

- Endotracheal intubation
- Bronchoscopy
- Manual ventilation before intubation
- CPR
- Sputum induction
- BIPAP/CPAP
- Vapotherm
- Airway suctioning
- Nebulizer Treatments
- Upper endoscopy

Dietary: Wear a procedure mask + goggles or face shield when delivering trays to non COVID-19 patients **on all units.**

Transport: Wear N95 mask + procedure mask + goggles or face shield during transport of any patient on a ventilator (regardless of COVID-19 status).

- Recommendation: All N95 masks that do not have exhalation valves should be placed in the bin for reprocessing at the end of the shift.
- This mask decision will be reevaluated on a weekly basis with input from Logistics Management regarding current N95 supply.
- Shields offer an added layer of protection for the masks and assist with avoiding self-contamination. In certain circumstances it may not be reasonable to wear a shield. In those circumstances protective goggles without any gaps are required. Examples when goggles may be necessary are when using the phone frequently, or having a lengthy phone conversation and when clear visualization during an activity or procedure is prohibited by the shield.

Thank you for your commitment to keep our staff, patients, and visitors safe.

The Epidemiology Team