

IPC PPE Table for Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres during COVID-19

1. This document provides current guidance and recommendations for PPE during COVID-19. Each care space is different and recommendations may change as conditions change. Always perform a [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) to determine PPE requirements.
2. Note that gloves do not replace the need for hand hygiene. Instead of wearing gloves, [performing hand hygiene](#) frequently is recommended. Gloves cannot be cleaned and become contaminated very quickly. Gloves should be used when handling disinfectants or before contact with body fluids.
3. Healthcare providers (HCP) working behind transparent barriers must follow continuous masking directives and wear continuous eye protection when not behind the barrier and while within clinical spaces.

HCP Type Examples AHS HCP/Contracted HCP/ Volunteers	Tasks	Direct Patient Contact?	Within 2 meters of patient or contaminated space?	PPE Required*	When to Change	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCP working 2 meters away from patients and other HCP 	HCP working in patient care areas are to follow AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking in Healthcare settings . Additional PPE not required. Perform hand hygiene frequently.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-screeners, Registration if behind transparent barrier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening questions • Assessment questions/data entry • Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask 	No	Yes Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure mask • Eye protection to be worn when not behind transparent barrier 	Mask when wet/soiled and before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves not recommended • Perform hand hygiene frequently
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-screeners, Registration if at open desk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening questions • Assessment questions/data entry • Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask 	Yes, indirect contact	Yes Continuous Masking Continuous Eye Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure mask • Eye protection 	Facial protection changed when wet/soiled, before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves not recommended • Perform hand hygiene frequently
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses and triage HCP • Nurse practitioners • All physicians • Allied Health including APL, pharmacy • Porters 	Patient has symptoms and/or risk factors for COVID-19 (COVID screen or lab positive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct patient care or • Contact with patient environment 	Yes, indirect and direct	Yes Continuous Masking Continuous Eye Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure mask • Eye protection • Gown • Gloves 	All PPE must be changed between each patient encounter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 respirator for AGMPs • Follow Intra-Facility Patient Transport Checklist when leaving ED/UCC with patient
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses and triage HCP • Nurse practitioners • All physicians • Allied Health including APL, pharmacy • Porters, ES, LS, NFS 	Patient has no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors (COVID-19 screen negative) For other infectious diseases or conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct patient care when or • Contact with patient environment 	Yes, indirect and direct	Yes Continuous Masking Continuous Eye Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure mask • Eye protection 	Facial protection changed when wet/soiled and before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gown and gloves should be worn if PCRA indicates potential risk of exposure, e.g., AGMPs

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