



## Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP) Is Coughing an AGMP?

### Is coughing an AGMP?

- No, **coughing is not an AGMP.**
- Procedures that may provoke cough or result in cough for airway clearance that is resultant from patient effort are not AGMP.

### Are there any procedures that involve coughing that are an AGMP?

- Mechanical augmentation of cough resulting in supraphysiologic forces being generated (e.g. cough assist device) **can be considered AGMP in the context of a COVID-19 positive or high risk patient** and listed on the [AGMP List](#).



All procedures being done should involve an individual risk assessment of COVID-19 status for the patient in question. If the risk is low or the patient is proven negative then usual non-COVID-19 PPE protocols should be followed for AGMP. If risk is high or the patient is proven positive then escalate PPE to include an N95 mask for AGMP. If risk cannot be assessed related to decreased level of consciousness/language barrier/etc. then it is justifiable to treat as COVID positive (i.e. N95 mask) until a negative test is obtained.