



*[Continuous face mask use](#): all healthcare workers who come into contact with patients during the course of their shift must wear a face mask at all times

**Extended use of face masks¹ and eye protection²: is the practice of wearing the same face mask and eye protection for repeated interactions with multiple patients for the maximum of one complete shift

- **NOTE:** The PPE requirements outlined in this guideline may need to be modified to reflect the differences in the physical layout and type of activity performed by staff within these settings. Any modifications to the PPE requirements must be based on a point of care risk assessment and using professional and clinical judgement
- Staff should refer to the [HCW Exposure Risk Matrix Assessment Tool](#) for guidance on potential exposures to COVID-19

Location	Staff Type Examples	Activity	PPE Required	Comments
Client Home	Direct Care Staff (RNs, LPNs, CCAs, Therapists, Lab, etc.)	Providing care to client and client/household member is Screen Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Mask • Additional PPE as per Point of Care Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask: Change IF it becomes wet, soiled, or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and at end of shift • Perform hand hygiene frequently
		Providing care to client and client/household member is Screen Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face mask • Eye Protection • Gown • Gloves • N95 respirator if aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP) performed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask/N95 respirator: Change IF it becomes wet, damaged or soiled. Discard mask/respirator when leaving client home • Eye Protection: Remove/disinfect when leaving client home. Discard face shield at the end of shift • Gown and gloves: Remove when leaving client home • Perform hand hygiene according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy



¹Face mask defined as a procedure or surgical mask

- Refer to the PPE Rapid Update - [Appropriate Procedure Mask Use](#) for more information

²Eye protection defined as face shield or goggles

- Refer to PPE Rapid Updates – [Eye Protection](#) and [Disinfecting Face Shields](#) for more information

References:

Public Health Ontario: [Updated IPAC Recommendations for Use of PPE for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19](#)

World Health Organization: [Rational use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\) for coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) and considerations during severe shortages](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health: [PPE Recommendations \(for health care personnel participating in patient care\) – Community](#)

Shared Health Manitoba: [Provincial Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

World Health Organization: [Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19 Interim Guidance June 5, 2020](#)