



CONTINUOUS* and EXTENDED** USE PPE GUIDELINES For SHA Staff in Non-SHA Operated Community Settings

* **Continuous face mask use:** all health care workers who come into contact with clients 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 clients for the maximum of one complete shift

General principles:

- Non-SHA Operated Sites: refers to community type settings whereby SHA staff provides services on behalf of the SHA (e.g., immunization clinics in schools, churches or sports centres, drop-in sites, friendship centres, etc.)
- Clients attending appointments should be [pre-screened](#) prior to their appointment
- Staff should refer to the [HCW Exposure Risk Matrix Assessment Tool](#) for guidance on potential exposures to COVID-19
- **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

Location	Activity	PPE Required	Comments
Reception, Main Entrance (Greeting, Screening Clients)	If partition in place and/or able to maintain 2 metre physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE required or PPE as per Point of Care Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform hand hygiene according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy • Note: comment on non-medical masks³
	If partition is NOT in place and/or 2 metre physical distancing is NOT possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face mask • Eye Protection 	<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 • Eye Protection: Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift • Perform hand hygiene according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy



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Any area or space where client care/services are provided (Consultation, Treatment Areas)	Providing care for client who is Screen Positive or not screened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face mask • Eye Protection • 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 • Eye Protection: Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift • Perform hand hygiene according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy
	Providing care/assessment of patient who 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 according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy
Non-Public Spaces (e.g., Break Rooms, Administrative Areas)	Any activity 2 or more metres away from clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform hand hygiene according to SHA Hand Hygiene Policy • Note: comment on non-medical masks³

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

³Non-medical masks: The use of personal non-medical masks (e.g. cloth) has not been approved for the health care setting at this time, but is currently being reviewed and further direction may be forthcoming

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](#)