



Medical mask - Refers to a procedure/surgical mask

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

Eye protection – Refers to face shield or goggles (indirect or non-vented)

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

General Guidelines:

1. The PPE requirements outlined in this document may be modified to reflect the differences in the physical layout and type of activity performed by staff within these sites. Always perform a [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) and use professional and clinical judgement to determine whether PPE requirements can be modified.
2. Continuous mask use and continuous eye protection is required for all staff in the ED/Pre-hospital EMS setting (even if a physical barrier (e.g., Plexiglas) separates staff from patients).
3. All aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs) performed in the ED require an N95 respirator.
4. Staff shall perform hand hygiene according to [SHA Hand Hygiene Policy](#)
5. Staff should refer to the [HCW Exposure Risk Matrix Assessment](#) Tool for guidance on potential exposures to COVID-19.

Staff Type Examples	Task	PPE Required	When to Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff/support services that intermittently travel through ED but have no direct contact with patients (e.g., Medical records, Medical Device Reprocessing staff, etc.) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask: Change when wet, soiled or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and at end of shift
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screeners • Security Services • Registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening questions (may include taking temperatures) • Directing patients to mask/clean hands • Data entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical mask • Eye protection • Additional PPE as per Point of Care Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask: Change when wet, soiled or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and at end of shift • Eye Protection: Disinfect when soiled. Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff who have direct contact with patient or patient environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing care or entering a room/space of a patient who is screen positive or screen unknown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical mask Eye protection Gown Gloves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask: Change when wet, soiled or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and at end of shift Eye Protection: Disinfect when soiled. Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift Gown and gloves: Change between each patient encounter. New gown and gloves required for each patient, and as needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff who have direct contact with patient or patient environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing care or entering a room/space of a patient who is screen negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical mask Eye protection Additional PPE as per Point of Care Risk Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask: Change when wet, soiled or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and at end of shift Eye Protection: Disinfect when soiled. Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff entering a room during an AGMP and until settle time has been achieved NOTE: Do not enter room if Droplet/Contact Plus AND Airborne Precaution Signage or Aerosolize settle time sign is posted and you are not fit-tested 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 respirator Eye Protection Gown Gloves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 respirator: Change N95 respirator when wet, soiled or damaged. Discard when taking a scheduled break and return to continuous mask use guideline Eye Protection: Disinfect when soiled. Remove/disinfect before a scheduled break and at the end of shift. Discard face shield at the end of shift Gown and gloves: Change between each patient encounter. New gown and gloves required for each patient, and as needed