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.

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| Pre-screeners, Registration if behind transparent barrier | • Screening questions  
• Assessment questions/data entry  
• Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask | No                      | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Eye protection to be worn when not behind transparent barrier | Facial protection changed when wet/soiled, before breaks and shift change | Gloves not recommended, Perform hand hygiene frequently                |
| Pre-screeners, Registration if at open desk           | • Screening questions  
• Assessment questions/data entry  
• Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask | Yes, indirect contact | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| Nurses and triage HCP                                | Patient has symptoms and/or risk factors for COVID-19 (COVID screen or lab positive):  
• Direct patient care or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| Nurse practitioners                                   | Patient has no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors (COVID-19 screen negative) For other infectious diseases or conditions:  
• Direct patient care when or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| All physicians                                        | Patient has symptoms and/or risk factors for COVID-19 (COVID screen or lab positive):  
• Direct patient care or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| Allied Health including APL, pharmacy                 | Patient has no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors (COVID-19 screen negative) For other infectious diseases or conditions:  
• Direct patient care when or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| Porters                                                | Patient has symptoms and/or risk factors for COVID-19 (COVID screen or lab positive):  
• Direct patient care or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |
| Patient has no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors (COVID-19 screen negative) For other infectious diseases or conditions:  
• Direct patient care when or  
• Contact with patient environment | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes Continuous Masking                           | Procedure mask | Procedure mask | Continuous Eye Protection                                             |

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