

IPC PPE Table for Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres during COVID-19

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.

**If glass partition separates staff from patients, no additional PPE over continuous masking is required by staff unless they will have physical contact with the patient.*

Staff Type Examples AHS staff/Contracted staff/ Volunteers	Tasks	Direct Patient Contact?	Within 2 meters of patient or contaminated space?	PPE Required*	When to Change	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff working 2 meters away from patients and other staff 	Staff working in patient care areas are to follow AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking in Healthcare settings . Additional PPE not required. Perform hand hygiene frequently					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-screener, Registration if behind transparent barrier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening questions Assessment questions/data entry Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask 	No	Yes Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure mask 	Mask changed when wet/soiled and before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves not recommended Perform hand hygiene frequently
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-screener, Registration if at open desk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening questions Assessment questions/data entry Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask 	Yes, indirect contact	Yes Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure mask Eye protection 	Facial protection changed when wet/soiled, before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves not recommended Perform hand hygiene frequently
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurses and Triage staff Nurse Practitioners All Physicians Allied Health including APL, Pharmacy Porters 	Patient has symptoms and/or risk factors for COVID-19 (COVID screen or lab positive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct patient care or Contact with patient environment 	Yes, indirect and direct	Yes Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure mask Eye protection Gown Gloves 	All PPE must be changed between each patient encounter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95 respirator for AGMPs Follow Intra-Facility Patient Transport Checklist when leaving ED/UCC with patient
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurses and Triage staff Nurse Practitioners All Physicians Allied Health including APL, Pharmacy Porters, ES, LS, NFS 	Patient has no COVID-19 symptoms or risk factors (COVID-19 screen negative) or other infectious diseases or conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct patient care when or Contact with patient environment. 	Yes, indirect and direct	Yes Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure mask Eye protection 	Facial protection changed when wet/soiled and before breaks and shift change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gown and gloves should be worn if PCRA indicates potential risk of exposure e.g. AGMPs

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