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.*

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<td>Staff working in patient care areas are to follow <a href="https://www.gov.ab.ca/">AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking in Healthcare settings</a>. Additional PPE not required. Perform hand hygiene frequently.</td>
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Assessment questions/data entry  
Directing patients to sanitize hands/mask | No | Yes | Continuous Masking | Procedure mask | 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  
Eye protection | All PPE must be changed between each patient encounter  
N95 respirator for AGMPs  
Follow [Intra-Facility Patient Transport Checklist](https://www.gov.ab.ca/) when leaving ED/UCC with patient. |
| 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):  
Direct patient care or  
Contact with patient environment. | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes | Continuous Masking | Procedure mask  
Eye protection  
Gown  
Gloves |   |
| 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:  
Direct patient care when or  
Contact with patient environment. | Yes, indirect and direct | Yes | Continuous Masking | Procedure mask  
Eye protection | Facial protection changed when wet/soiled and before breaks and shift change | Gown and gloves should be worn if PCRA indicates potential risk of exposure e.g. AGMPs |