

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Facility Screening Tasks

General principles for screening patients, staff and visitors. **This applies to the first point of contact screener in an area.**

ED/UCC pre-triage of patients refers to [IPC Recommendations PPE Table for Assessment Centres and EDs with Pre-Triage](#).

Where possible, maintain social distancing of 2 meters. If not follow, [AHS Guidelines for Continuous Masking in Healthcare settings](#). Set up your screening station in a way that encourages 2 meters spacing or provide a physical barrier (i.e., plexiglass, floor tape, stanchions, and signage).

Strategic table placements where possible, with masks and alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR), garbage receptacle away from the screener/greeter and direct person to clean hands and don a mask as necessary.

If you are screening people and are within 2 meters but without physical contact – you need eye protection in addition to continuous masking. Have ABHR and masks available for patients on table 2 meters away from screener and other patients.

When taking a temperature during screening, gown and gloves are not necessary. Clean hands before and after contact.

Location	Recommendations	Tasks Limited to	Direct Contact with Patient (Touching)	Within 2 meters of unmasked coughing patient?	Risk to Screener	PPE Recommendations
Facility main entrances, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute Care Continuing Care Addictions and Mental Health Rehab Cancer Care Staff entrances 	Maintain 2 meters spacing with desk/signage/line on the floor. Practice Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayfinding and greeters Symptom screening of patients/staff/ visitors (may include taking temperatures) Directing symptomatic individuals to clean hands and don mask 	Potentially	Potentially	Low/moderate	If not able to maintain 2 meters spacing, don the following: Procedure mask; Eye protection; Change when wet/soiled and before breaks and at shift changes; Clean hands frequently using ABHR. * gown and gloves not recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambulatory clinics Outpatient labs Diagnostic Imaging Departments 	Prescreening should be done before appointments Maintain 2 meters spacing with desk/signage/line on the floor. Practice Continuous Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking screening questions Checking patients in Handling paperwork Directing symptomatic patients to clean hands and don mask 	Indirect only (ID, paper)	Potentially	Low/moderate	If not able to maintain 2 meters spacing or not able to mask symptomatic patients, don the following: Procedure mask; Eye protection; Change when wet/soiled and before breaks and at shift changes; Clean hands frequently using ABHR. *gown and gloves not recommended

*Frequent use of alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) is recommended in place of wearing gloves. Gloves cannot be cleaned and become contaminated very quickly. Gloves should be used when handling disinfectants or before contact with body fluids. Gowns are not recommended when clothing contamination is unlikely.

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