1. **Gloves do not replace the need for hand hygiene.** When possible, performing hand hygiene frequently is recommended instead of wearing gloves.

2. Gloves cannot be cleaned and become contaminated very quickly. Gloves should be used when handling disinfectants or before contact with body fluids.

3. **In the event of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) where bag valve mask ventilation is used, an N95 respirator is required (if intubated, then N95 respirator not required).**

4. If N95 respirator is donned, keep on for duration of the case or if moist or visibly soiled/contaminated.

5. Follow PPE sparing strategies when indicated based on local epidemiology and supply. Discuss with local IPC team.

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**IPC PPE Table for Surgical Suites during COVID-19**

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| Non-theatre | • All healthcare workers (HCWs)  
• No direct patient contact | Staff in the surgical suite are to follow continuous masking. Eye protection is based on point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) and vaccination status. Perform hand hygiene frequently. |  |  |  |
| Non-theatre including:  
• Pre-op holding  
• PACU | • Service Aides/Porters  
• Pre-Operative Nurses  
• PACU  
• Other HCWs not in theatre with patient contact | Continuous Masking  
Eye protection based on PCRA and vaccination status. | • Surgical mask  
• Eye Protection (where indicated)  
Facial PPE changed:  
• when one or both are moist or visibly soiled/contaminated  
• before breaks  
• at shift change  
|  | Maintaining PPE for other additional precautions (e.g., Contact precautions for MRSA)  |  |
| In theatre | • Anesthesiologists  
• Nurses  
• Surgeons/Residents  
• Service aides/Porters  
• Students Vendor Representatives  
• Other HCWs |  | • Surgical mask  
• Eye protection (where indicated)  
Facial PPE changed:  
• between patients  
• when one or both are moist or visibly soiled/contaminated  
• before breaks  
• at shift change  
|  | Maintain PPE for other additional precautions (e.g., Contact precautions for MRSA)  
• Doffing of PPE  
• If scrubbed in then doff using usual process for surgical scrub attire  
• If wearing isolation gown then doff as per Contact and Droplet precautions  |  |
| In theatre  
• During an AGMP (intubation, extubation, laryngeal mask airway)  
• CPR – see #3 above | • Anesthesiologists  
• Respiratory Therapists  
• Induction nurse  
• Other HCWs if present |  | • Surgical mask or N95 respirator  
• Eye protection  
• Gown  
• If scrubbed, wear surgical gown if not wear isolation gown  
• Gloves  
Facial PPE changed:  
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Pink Stream Patient (COVID-19 confirmed, suspected or unable to assess e.g., trauma)

- Maintain PPE for other additional precautions (e.g., Contact precautions for MRSA)
- Doffing of PPE
  - If scrubbed in then doff using usual process for surgical scrub attire
  - If wearing isolation gown then doff as per Contact and Droplet precautions