This document provides guidance and recommendations for PPE. Each care space is different and recommendations may change as conditions change.

1. Note that gloves do not replace the need for hand hygiene. Instead of wearing gloves, performing hand hygiene frequently is recommended.
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 N95 respirator not required).
4. If decision is made to use N95 respirator for all patients based on local epidemiology, then use same N95 respirator continuously until visibly soiled/contaminated or moist.

### Staff type examples
- **AHS staff/contracted staff/volunteers**
- **Unit clerks**
- **Service aide/porters**
- **Pre-operative nurses**
- **PACU**
- **Anesthesiologists**
- **Respiratory therapists**
- **Induction nurse**
- **Nurses**
- **Surgeons/residents**
- **Service aides/porters**
- **Students/vendor representatives**
- **Other staff**

### Location
- **Non-theatre**
- **In surgical suite (excluding offices)**
- **In theatre during an AGMP (intubation, extubation, laryngeal mask airway)**
- **In theatre where there is no AGMP**
- **In theatre**
- **PACU**

### PPE Required*
- **Surgical mask**
- **Eye protection**
- **Isolation gown**
- **Gloves**
- **Surgical mask or N95 respirator**
- **Eye protection**
- **Isolation gown**
- **Gloves**
- **Surgical mask or N95 respirator and eye protection**
- **Surgical gown (if scrubbed)/isolation gown**
- **Gloves**

### When to change
- Visibly soiled/contaminated or moist
- Before breaks
- Shift change

### Notes
- Perform hand hygiene frequently
- Continuous masking and eye protection
- N95 respirator for AGMPs
- Maintain PPE for other additional precautions
- Pulmonary, head and neck (includes ENT, neurosurgical, maxillofacial and dental) surgeries require an N95 respirator for entire procedure
- Gowns and gloves changed between patients
- Maintain PPE for other additional precautions

### Green Stream patient (patient screens negative and not on Contact and Droplet precautions)

### Pink Stream patient (COVID-19 confirmed, suspected or unable to assess e.g., trauma)