

# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Facility Screening Tasks

General Principles for Screening Patients. **This applies to the first point of contact screener in an area.**

Where possible, maintain social distancing of 2 meters. Setup your screening station in a way that encourages 2 meters spacing or provides a physical barrier (i.e., plexiglass, floor tape, stanchions, and signage).

Strategic table placement 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 facial protection (mask and eye protection).

If you are having physical contact while screening – you need facial protection (mask and eye protection), gowns and gloves (as necessary).

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"> <li>Acute Care</li> <li>Continuing Care</li> <li>Addictions and Mental Health</li> <li>Rehab</li> <li>Cancer Care</li> </ul>	Maintain 2 meters spacing with desk/signage/line on the floor.  Have ABHR and masks available for patients on table removed from screener and other patients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wayfinding and greeters</li> <li>Symptom screening of patients/staff/ visitors (may include taking temperatures)</li> <li>Directing symptomatic individuals to clean hands and don mask</li> </ul>	Potentially	Potentially	Low/moderate	<b>If not able to maintain 2 meters spacing or not able to mask symptomatic patients, don the following:</b>  Procedure mask; Eye protection; Gowns only recommended if you are in physical contact with the person; Change when wet/soiled and before breaks and at shift changes; Clean hands frequently using ABHR.  *gloves <b>not</b> recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambulatory Clinics</li> <li>Outpatient Labs</li> <li>Diagnostic Imaging Departments</li> </ul>	<b>Prescreening should be done before appointments</b>  Maintain 2 meters spacing with desk/signage/line on the floor.  Have ABHR and masks available for patients on table away from screener and other patients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking screening questions</li> <li>Checking patients in</li> <li>Handling paperwork</li> <li>Directing symptomatic patients to clean hands and don mask</li> </ul>	Indirect only (ID, paper)	Potentially	Low/moderate	<b>If not able to maintain 2 meters spacing or not able to mask symptomatic patients, don the following:</b>  Procedure mask; Eye protection; Change when wet/soiled and before breaks and at shift changes; Clean hands frequently using ABHR.  *gown and gloves <b>not</b> recommended

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ER/UCC pre-triage of patients with glass partition</li> </ul>	Have ABHR and PPE available nearby for use by pre-screener.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking medical /screening questions</li> <li>Directing symptomatic patients to clean hands and don mask</li> </ul>	No	No	Low	No PPE required unless screener has to leave workspace to attend to patient.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ER/UCC pre-triage of patients without glass partition</li> </ul>	Maintain 2 meter spacing with desk/signage/line on the floor. Have ABHR and masks available for patients on table away from screener and other patients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking medical/ screening questions</li> <li>Directing symptomatic patients to clean hands and don mask</li> </ul>	Potentially	Potentially	Low/moderate	<p><b>If not able to maintain 2 meters spacing or not able to mask symptomatic patients, don the following:</b></p> <p>Procedure mask; Eye protection; Change when wet/soiled and before breaks and at shift change. Don Gown and Gloves if direct Contact anticipated (i.e., basic assessment).</p>

**\* 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.**