

Personal Protective Equipment Instructions

Specific for: ACF & Quick Care (Updated as of 04/27/21)

All Patient Care:

- A. Patient presenting for care with unknown health status, an N95 and face shield is required. If preferred, an N95 covered by a surgical mask and eye goggles will suffice for those who find it difficult to wear a full face shield. Eye glasses alone do not meet the eye protection requirement.
- B. When COVID status is negative and patient does not present with an upper respiratory problem (i.e. actively coughing), a surgical mask will suffice. Please ensure patients, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, wear a mask when receiving care and services from Oneida Health.
- C. Patients presenting for care that includes aerosol producing interventions, the use of an N95 and face shield is required, regardless of COVID status. If preferred, an N95 covered by surgical mask and eye goggles will suffice for those who find it difficult to wear a full face shield. Eye glasses do not meet the eye protection requirement.
- D. When wearing a surgical mask to protect an N95 mask for high risk patients, the surgical mask should be discarded and replaced with a new surgical mask.

COVID-19 Patient Care:

- **N95s, face shields, gowns, and gloves** should be used during care of patients **positive/suspected** for COVID-19 or have **symptoms** of COVID-19
 - Use a surgical mask to wear over your N95 to extend use
- Doors to positive or suspected COVID-19 rooms should be kept closed as much as possible
- For those that are required to wear an N95 mask, they must first be fit tested. Please contact Respiratory Therapy at x1275 to schedule a fit test

Donning & Doffing PPE:

Procedure for donning PPE: (Note: you should already be wearing a KN95 or N95)

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Put on isolation gown (if indicated)
3. Put on N95 mask and face shield
5. Put on gloves

Procedure for doffing PPE:

1. Remove gloves and gown in one step by tearing or carefully untying gown, rolling it down the arms and into a ball with the inside of the gown being contained, removing gloves when you get to your hands. This prevents spread of droplets that may remain on the gown and reduces the chances of touching contaminated gloves. Discard in a covered trash receptacle within patient's room
2. Perform hand hygiene
3. Exit room to a location where you can clean your face shield or goggles
4. Remove eye protection. Decontaminate eye protection with a hospital-provided disinfectant solution
5. Perform hand hygiene
6. Remove surgical mask (if applicable) and discard. Perform hand hygiene
7. Remove N95 by grasping the elastic without touching the surface of the N95
 - a. If the N95 has not been contaminated, store it between uses in a clean place where it will not become contaminated

- b. **DO NOT discard the KN95/N95** unless you feel it has been contaminated
8. Perform hand hygiene again

For any questions related to PPE guidance, please contact the Infection Prevention department at x1338/1138 or 1438