

Community Health Services and Assisted Living									
Client Description	Excellent Hand Hygiene	Isolation Gown (Level 2 reusable or disposable)	Gloves	Procedural Mask	Face Shield/Visor or Goggles	N95 Mask	Head and Neck Covers	Doffing	Provincial Guideline Adherence?
No respiratory symptoms or fever reported by client, reported by family member or detected by assessment.	✓	Not required (PPE use should be determined by a PCRA (i.e., an apron, or gown, and gloves would be used for any risk of exposure to blood and/or bodily fluids, for example wound care. Note: When using an apron 'bare below the elbows' is essential).		✓	Not required, however eye protection is available if you choose to wear it	Not required	Not required	Replace mask when visibly dirty, damp, or too damaged for safe use. You may take your mask off in your car between visits if you store it appropriately. Please follow the directions in this demonstration video (Note: the demonstration shows an N95 but the steps are the same for a procedural mask). If eye protection is a face shield or goggles, this should be dedicated to Community Health Provider and requires cleaning/storage as per guidelines .	Meets guidelines
Client or a household member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is self-isolating for a 14-day period following arrival in Canada or after a known exposure or after an acute care encounter for AL. Develops symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 (i.e., suspected COVID-19). With confirmed COVID-19, influenza or RSV. 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not required	Not required	Full doffing and disposal of ALL elements, except eye protection If eye protection is a face shield or goggles, this should be dedicated to Community Health Provider and requires cleaning/storage as per guidelines .	Meets guidelines
Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (i.e., CPAP, open airway suctioning, nebulization) for any client with confirmed Influenza, confirmed or highly suspected (i.e., awaiting testing) COVID-19.*	✓	✓	✓	See N95	✓	✓	Not required	Follow donning and doffing procedure for AGMPs. Face shield/visor should be dedicated to Community Health Care Provider and requires cleaning/storage as per guidelines .	Meets guidelines

Applies to:	All Island Health staff and providers who provide care or services within 2 meters of a patient.
Purpose:	To supplement staff and providers' standard Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) , to inform the appropriate selection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for their care setting and patient/resident/ client scenario.

The PPE recommendations in this guide is the combined guidance from the BC Centre of Disease Control (BCCDC)/BC Ministry of Health [Personal Protective Equipment, COVID-19: Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Proactive Equipment \(PPE\) Allocation Framework](#), and Island Health's Infection Prevention and Control principles of best practice, developed in collaboration with Professional Practice, Clinical Operations, Occupational Health and Safety, and Medical Affairs.

Appropriate use of PPE will mitigate COVID-19 transmission for both healthcare providers and patient safety, but clinical judgement during the Point of Care Risk Assessment may also determine that additional protection is required (for symptoms not related to COVID-19). Step-by-step posters and videos for donning and doffing of PPE are available on the [COVID-19](#) intranet page.

Due to the risk of contamination of the mask, it must not be stored in a pocket or bag after wearing if it is to be worn again within the same day. The use of a Tupperware/Ziploc style box could be used for this purpose.

Appropriate eye protection is visor, face shield or goggles. Eye protection cleaning protocol: [Coronavirus COVID-19: Cleaning and Disinfection Instructions for Eye/Facial Protection](#); or [Cleaning and Disinfecting Instructions for Eye/Facial Protection in the Absence of Water](#)

Prior to using an N95 mask, please ensure you have undergone [fit testing](#) and do not require renewal.

Note: Recommendations in this resource are updated as new information becomes available. If you choose to print and post the page applicable to your care setting, please check the published version ([PPE Required During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)) frequently for updates.

View the PPE guidance for the care settings most applicable to your role:

- [All Inpatient Care Areas \(including Mental Health, Pediatric, Adult, Porters and Lab Techs\)](#)
- [Primary Care Settings](#)
- [Long-Term Care](#)
- [Community Health Services and Assisted Living](#)
- [Perinatal Services](#)
- [Emergency Department Staff and Physicians](#)
- [Medical Imaging Department Staff and Physicians](#)
- [Operating Rooms](#) (BC CDC procedure)