

Primary Care Settings										
Patient Description	Excellent Hand Hygiene (HH)	Patient to don Procedural Mask and Perform HH	Isolation Gown (Level 2 reusable or disposable)	Gloves	Surgical/ Procedure Mask	Face Shield/Visor or Goggles	N95 Mask	Head Cover	Doffing	Provincial Guideline Adherence?
No respiratory symptoms or fever reported by patient or detected by assessment.*	✓	Mask not required	Not required	Not required	✓ Wear same surgical mask between patients, as long as the mask does not become wet/contaminated (e.g., patient sneezes in your face) for direct patient care.	Not required, however eye protection is available if you choose to wear it	Not required	Not required	Mask to remain on until visibly dirty, damp, or too damaged for safe use. Hand hygiene required when touching or removing mask. Eye protection requires cleaning and disinfecting each time it is removed.	Meets guidelines
Confirmed or highly suspected (i.e., awaiting testing) COVID-19 patient.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not required	Not required	Full doffing of all elements . Eye protection requires cleaning and disinfecting between use.	Meets guidelines
AGMPs** (nebulized medications, emergency intubation) for confirmed or suspected COVID-19.	✓	Not applicable	✓	✓	See N95	✓	✓	Not required	Full doffing of all elements . Eye protection requires cleaning and disinfecting between use.	Meets guidelines

*HCP to perform risk assessment prior to initiating care by telephone or from a distance of at least 2 meters. Determine if patient has symptoms compatible with COVID-19: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/lab-testing>. All patients should be instructed to perform hand hygiene. If patient meets screening criteria for COVID-19, patient should be instructed to don a procedural mask, and immediately be directed into an exam room. If no exam room available, maintain spatial separation of at least 2 metres from others.

**AGMPs should only be performed if medically necessary. All persons in the room are wearing a fit-tested, seal-checked N95 respirator, gloves, gown and face or eye protection. If no negative pressure room available, patient must be in a single room with the door closed for duration of procedure and associated time to clear air.

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](#)
- [IPC Protocol for Surgical Procedures](#)