COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines

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PROTOCOL A: New COVID-19 Diagnosis or Symptoms Hospice and Home Care
(HHA Restricted to Two (2) Hours Per Day)

- N95 Respirator
- Gloves
- Gown
- Eye Protection – Face shield/goggles
- *Shoe Covers and Head Cover

Provide care to patients with new COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms:
- Evaluated/diagnosed/treated as COVID-19 in the Emergency Room, Clinic, or Hospital and released home (Treat and Release)
- Patients report new COVID-19 symptoms on Pre-visit Screening (positive pre-visit screen)
- Diagnosed with COVID-19 while on service
- Immunocompromised patients or discharged from or resides in the following institutions: nursing homes, adult care facilities, and certain other congregate living facilities
- Patients living with household member newly diagnosed with COVID-19 or with new symptoms and are not able to isolate

Use Protocol (A) PPE for TOTAL of 21 days but can switch to Protocol (B) PPE if after 10 days of isolation and no fever in last 72 hours and improvement of cough or shortness of breath.

Use N95 plus face shield/goggles if providing aerosol generating procedure/treatment; follow N95 extended use protocol.
Provide care to the following patients:
- COVID-19 negative test
- No COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough/shortness of breath)
- Recovered (History of COVID-19)
  • At least 10 days since COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis
  * AND
  • At least 72 hours since fever is resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications
  *AND
  • Overall improvement in illness (e.g. improving cough, shortness of breath).

Use Protocol (B) PPE as on-going unless patient meets criteria for Protocols A and C

- Surgical Face Mask
- Eye Protection – Face shield/goggles
- Gloves

Use N95 plus face shield/goggles if providing aerosol generating procedure/treatment; follow N95 extended protocol.

Gown plus face shield/goggles for wound care and during procedures involving sprays or splashes.
PROTOCOL C: Household Member either Diagnosed with COVID-19 illness or with symptoms and in isolation but the patient remains Covid-19 NEGATIVE (HHA Hours Three (3) Plus Hours Per Day)

- Surgical Face Mask
- Eye Protection – Face shield/goggles
- Gloves
- Gown
- *Shoe Covers and Head Cover

Patients who are NEGATIVE but have household member living in the same home with COVID-19 illness OR COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath).
  - Clinicians should ask symptomatic household member to stay in a separate room and maintain self isolation.
  - If household member unable to self-isolate, follow Protocol (A) PPE

PLUS *WHEN AVAILABLE

Use Protocol (C) PPE for TOTAL of 21 days for symptomatic household members and can switch to Protocol (B) PPE if after 10 days of isolation and no fever in last 72 hours and improvement of cough or shortness of breath.

Use N95 plus face shield/goggles if providing aerosolized generating procedure/treatment; follow N95 extended protocol.
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| Surgical Face Mask/Ear Loop Mask | - After completing the visit remove gloves if used and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.  
  - Remove the mask by grasping the ear straps.  
  - Fold the mask so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage. | - The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Please keep separate from sterile supplies.  
  - Discard at the end of the day along with the paper bag. | - Not applicable. | - The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Please keep separate from sterile supplies. |
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| **N95 Respirator** | • After completing the visit remove gloves and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.  
  • Remove the mask by grasping the straps.                      | • The respirator can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Please keep separate from sterile supplies.  
  • It can be reused if clean and intact  
  • Protected by a surgical face mask or face shield.  
  • Successful seal check upon re donning.  
  • **The N95 may be re-used as long as they are able to seal, were not worn during an aerosol generating procedure or have reached the end of their use by being soiled, damaged or moist from sweat or fluid loss through breathing.** | Not applicable.                      | The respirator can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Please keep separate from sterile supplies. |
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<td><strong>Face shield</strong></td>
<td>After completing the visit remove the face shield. Remove the face shield by grasping the headband, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.</td>
<td>While wearing gloves, carefully wipe the inside, followed by the outside of the face shield or goggles, and the straps, using a clean cloth saturated with neutral detergent solution or cleaner wipe. Fully dry (air dry or use clean absorbent towels).</td>
<td>Carefully wipe the outside of the face shield or goggles using a wipe or clean cloth saturated with EPA-registered disinfectant solution.</td>
<td>The face shield can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Please keep separate from sterile supplies.</td>
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Extended Use

**Extended use of PPE** refers to wearing the same PPE for encounters with several patients (N95 and Face Masks and Face Shields).

- **Note:** There are multiple styles of N95 respirators, which may appear different from the image.

- Perform a seal check before each use of N95 respirator.

- **Note:** Practices for PPE reuse may be modified in discussion with IPC.