

SAFETY TALK



SUSPECT/CONFIRMED COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS PLACEMENT AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

DID YOU KNOW?

- Eye protection must **ALWAYS** be worn when working with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. The selection of type of eye protection will be dependent on the type of mask/respirator required. If goggles are worn, they must be cleaned between uses. Personal eyeglasses are not sufficient eye protection.
- Nasopharyngeal swab is not considered an Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP).
- Suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patients should don a procedure mask (never an N95 respirator).
- If procedure mask or N95 respirator becomes damaged, wet and/or soiled, it needs to be changed.
- All PPE to be removed before leaving patient room. **EXCEPTION:** When AGMP is performed, N95 respirator + facial protection to be removed OUTSIDE of room (or as per established facility protocol)
- The novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) should not be confused with the common human coronaviruses (typically cause the common cold), as this information is specific to 'COVID-19'.
- Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus – more information will be added as it becomes available

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

For suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patients, the following precautions and PPE must be used:

A) Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19:

Precautions:

- Droplet/Contact

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Facial/Eye Protection
- Procedure/Surgical mask
- Combination mask/facial protection (e.g. visor masks)
- Gown
- Gloves



B) Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 patient that requires Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP)

(see list and recommended patient placement below):

Precautions:

- Droplet/Contact Plus

Personal Protective Equipment:

- N95 Respirator
- Facial/Eye Protection
- Gown
- Gloves



C) Prioritization of patient placement

- **High risk AGMPs needing negative pressure room placement:** Intubation, BIPAP, CPAP, bronchoscopy, CPR with bag valve and mask
- **Lower risk AGMPs, negative pressure room if available, otherwise private room with hard walls and door closed:** Optiflow (for infectious patients only), Nebulized therapy, open airway suctioning, sputum induction

Given the surge in global demand, and resulting global shortage for PPE supplies, it is important that all staff be diligent in their use of PPE (particularly N95s), and only use when required.

WEEKLY TOPIC: SUSPECT/CONFIRMED COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS PLACEMENT AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HOW DO YOU PRIORITIZE THE PLACEMENT OF PATIENTS THAT REQUIRE AGMPs?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DON AND DOFF YOUR PPE?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT N95 RESPIRATOR YOU HAVE BEEN FIT TESTED FOR?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND N95 RESPIRATORS?

SAFETY TALK NOTES:

WORKERS PRESENT:

WORKER CONCERNS:



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