

PPE Use in Ambulatory/ED Settings

Ambulatory / Convenient Care / Emergency Department

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A COVID-19 COMPATIBLE ILLNESS IS DEFINED AS:

1. Fever with upper or lower respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, congestion)
2. Fever without an identified cause
3. If afebrile, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat
4. COMPLETE loss of taste or smell

See "Testing Guidance" document for further guidance

COVID-19 COMPATIBLE ILLNESS

APPROPRIATE HCW PPE:

Eye protection†

Standard facemask*

***N95/PAPR (covered with standard facemask) if anticipating need for High-risk aerosol generating procedures**

IF CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS ANTICIPATED OR DURING ANY AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURE,^*

ADD:

Gown

Gloves

COVID-19 COMPATIBLE ILLNESS AND NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR

APPROPRIATE HCW PPE:

Eye protection†

Standard facemask

*IF CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS ANTICIPATED **ADD:***

Gown

Gloves

ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENT AND UNKNOWN COVID-19 STATUS

APPROPRIATE HCW PPE:

Eye protection†

Standard facemask

*IF CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS ANTICIPATED **ADD:***

Gown

Gloves

† Eye protection = goggles or face shield.

If wearing an N95, a face shield is preferred.

***High-risk aerosol generating procedures:** *open airway deep or tracheal suctioning (below vocal cords), manual ventilation before intubation, tracheal intubation or extubation, mechanical ventilation (ED/Inpatient unit), LMA, non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP, CPAP, HFNC), high-frequency oscillator, tracheostomy placement or patient with tracheostomy, CPR, bronchoscopy, sputum induction/cough assist, nebulizer therapy, Cool Mist*

^Low-risk aerosol generating procedures: *NP/OP collection, MDIs, nasal cannula, insertion of NG/OG/ND/NJ tube, closed or nasal/oropharyngeal suctioning, nitrous oxide administration, non-rebreather mask, barium/contrast enema*

PATIENT PLACEMENT:

Prioritized:

- Airborne Infection Isolation (All) room / Negative airflow room or a HEPA-filtered room if COVID-19 is clinically suspected/confirmed AND anticipating need for high-risk aerosol generating procedures*

Preferred, if available:

- Airborne Infection Isolation (All) room / Negative airflow room or a HEPA-filtered room if COVID-19 is clinically suspected/confirmed but NOT anticipating need for high-risk aerosol generating procedures*

Acceptable:

- PRIVATE ROOM with door CLOSED

Airborne Infection Isolation (All) room locations listed in Bug Book which can be located in Epic weblinks and Resource Directory under "B"