

COVID-19 transmission-based isolation precautions for healthcare workers

Applies to: Inpatient Departments, Emergency Department, Ambulatory Clinics and Procedural Areas

Person Under Investigation (PUI): Any person with COVID-19 symptoms or suspicion of having COVID-19 with a pending test.

Screening Patient: Any asymptomatic patient with a pending COVID-19 test (pre-procedure, admission screen, facility placement, study/trial.)

Refer to the **Care of a Patient with COVID-19 policy** for information on **Discontinuation of Transmission Based Precautions**.

Patient care for all patients not suspected of COVID-19 and screening patients.	Patient care for a PUI, patients suspected of, or positive for COVID-19.	During aerosol generating procedures ¹ (AGP) on screening patients, a PUI, or patient suspected of or positive for COVID-19.	During airway procedures* on all patients.
<p><u>PPE Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye protection/face shield • Surgical/ear loop mask <p>Outside of patient care settings: Surgical/ear loop or cloth masks.</p> <p>Patient and visitors: See universal face mask guidance in 24/7.</p>	<p><u>PPE Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye protection/face shield • Surgical/ear loop mask • Gown • Gloves <p><u>ISOLATION SIGNAGE/ORDER:</u> Contact, Droplet with Eye Protection</p>	<p><u>PPE Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAPR <u>OR</u> N95 Respirator + Eye Protection/Face Shield • Gown • Gloves <p><u>ISOLATION SIGNAGE/ORDER:</u> Contact, Droplet with Eye Protection Airborne/Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGP signage to be posted during/ after procedure <p>Negative Airflow/Portable HEPA device not required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain airborne PPE precautions for 30 minutes² after AGP is complete and minimize opening of the patient's door. Staff/patients can enter/exit the room as needed ensuring the door is closed behind them. Anyone entering the room during the 30-minute timeframe should follow posted precautions. 	<p><u>PPE Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAPR <u>OR</u> N95 Respirator + Eye Protection/Face Shield • Gown • Gloves <p><u>ISOLATION SIGNAGE/ORDER:</u> Contact, Droplet with Eye Protection Airborne/Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGP signage to be posted during/ after procedure

¹ AGPs are listed in the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)-Respiratory Therapy Department Lippincott Procedure: <https://procedures.lww.com/lnp/view.do?pld=5690807&hits=covid&a=false&ad=false>

² Shorter timeframes after AGP may be recommended in specific OR/Procedural areas.

Please see extended and re-use guidelines for N95 respirators.