

# Acute and Sub-Acute AGMPs

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# PPE – Acute and Sub-Acute AGMPs

Areas Included	Activity	Type of PPE for <b>COVID-19 Non-Suspect Green Zone &gt; 14 Days LOS</b>	Types of PPE for <b>COVID-19 Positive and COVID-19 Suspect And Green Zone &lt; 14 Days LOS</b>
<p><b>All Acute and Sub-Acute Care Settings</b></p> <p><b>(Including OR and Recovery)</b></p>	<p><b>Aerosol-generating procedures</b></p>	<p>N95 respirator Eye protection Gloves Gown</p> <p>Extended use of <b>same N95 respirator</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions.</p> <p><b>Gloves</b> are not required for every patient interaction however meticulous attention to hand hygiene is required. Gloves should only be applied as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p>	<p>Extended use of same N95 respirator, <b>eye protection</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients in all zones (exception exists where Same Day/Next Day Rule for AGMPs applies – in these situations a procedure mask and eye protection is recommended). <b>Change respirator</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks and/or post intubation.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. For direct patient care, use of a full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> patients, extend use of <b>gowns</b> except in situations when gowns should be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions. Remove gown prior to leaving the <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> unit.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b> patients, <b>gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive AND Suspect</b> patients, <b>gloves</b> must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p>
	<p><b>Intubation</b></p>	<p>N95 (see specific instructions) Eye protection Gloves Gown</p>	<p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves.</p> <p>Change N95 respirator (in all zones), gloves, gown following intubation <b>Eye protection</b> (full face shield is recommended) can be reused with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols</p>

# Acute and Sub-Acute Emergency and Urgent Care

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# PPE – Emergency and Urgent Care – Patient Rooms

Areas Included	Activity	Types of PPE for Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres
<p>ED/UC Patient Rooms</p> <p>Federal and Provincial Nursing Stations</p>	<p>Direct patient care</p>	<p>Extended use of <b>same N95 respirator OR procedure mask, eye protection</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients; discard and replace mask following breaks</p> <p><b>Change respirator</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks and/or post intubation.</p> <p><b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. For direct patient care, use of a full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> patients, extend use of <b>gowns</b> except in situations when gowns should be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions. Remove gown prior to leaving the <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> unit.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b> patients, <b>gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions(e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> AND <b>Suspect</b> patients, <b>gloves</b> must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves</p>

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# PPE – Emergency and Urgent Care – Low Acuity Areas / Post Screening

Areas Included	Activity	Type of PPE – Designated Low Acuity Areas – <b>Green Zone</b> only – (These are areas where patient screening has already occurred at Triage)
<p>ED/UC Patient Rooms</p> <p>Federal and Provincial Nursing Stations</p>	<p>Direct patient care</p>	<p>Procedure mask Eye protection Gloves as per Routine Practices Gowns as per Routine Practices</p> <p>Extended use of <b>same procedure mask</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients.</p> <p><b>Change mask if</b> it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled and/or at breaks.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions.</p> <p><b>Gloves</b> are not required for every patient interaction however meticulous attention to hand hygiene is required. Gloves should only be applied as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p>

# Acute and Sub-Acute Inpatient



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# PPE – Acute and Sub-Acute – Inpatient Settings

Area	Activity	Type of PPE <b>COVID-19 Non-Suspect</b>	Type of PPE for <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> or <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b>
<p><b>Acute/ Sub-Acute Patient Room</b></p> <p><b>Hemodialysis (excluding Operating Rooms and Recovery Rooms)</b></p>	<p>Direct Patient Care</p>	<p>Procedure mask Eye protection Gloves as per Routine Practices Gowns as per Routine Practices</p> <p>Extended use of <b>same procedure mask</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients.</p> <p><b>Change mask if</b> it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled and/or at breaks.</p> <p>N95 respirator only following PCRA, unless required for Additional Precautions (e.g., TB)</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions</p> <p><b>Gloves</b> are not required for every patient interaction however meticulous attention to hand hygiene is required. Gloves should only be applied as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling)</p>	<p>Extended use of <b>same N95 Respirator OR procedure mask, eye protection</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients; discard and replace mask following breaks <b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks.</p> <p><b>Change respirator</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks and/or post-intubation.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. For direct patient care, use of a full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> patients, extend use of <b>gowns</b> except in situations when gowns should be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions. Remove gown prior to leaving the <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> unit.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b> patients, <b>gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions(e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> AND <b>Suspect</b> patients, <b>gloves</b> must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves</p>

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# Acute and Sub-Acute Labour & Delivery

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# PPE – Labour & Delivery

Area	Activity	Type of PPE <b>COVID-19 Non-Suspect Negative COVID-19 Swab (Same Day/Next Day)</b>	Type of PPE for <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> or <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b> <b>And Green Zone (COVID Test Results NOT Available)</b>
Acute/Sub-Acute Patient Room	Direct Patient Care	<p>Procedure mask Eye protection Gloves as per Routine Practices Gowns as per Routine Practices</p> <p><b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled and/or at breaks.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions.</p> <p><b>Gloves</b> are not required for every patient interaction however meticulous attention to hand hygiene is required. Gloves should only be applied as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p>	<p>Extended use of <b>same N95 Respirator OR procedure mask, eye protection</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients <b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks. <b>Change respirator</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks and/or post-intubation.</p> <p>N95 is <b>REQUIRED</b> for maternal <b>AGMP</b> and for staff within 6 feet/2 metres of newborn resuscitation.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. For direct patient care, use of a full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> patients, extend use of <b>gowns</b> except in situations when gowns should be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions. Remove gown prior to leaving the <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> unit.</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Suspect</b> patients, <b>gowns</b> are to be used as per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>With <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> AND <b>Suspect</b> patients, <b>gloves</b> must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling).</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves.</p>

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**COVID-19  
Designated Unit  
(Red Zone)  
Acute/PCH**

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# PPE – COVID-19 Unit (ICU or Designated Ward)

Areas Included	Activity	Type of PPE	Specific Instructions
<p>All areas, including:</p> <p>Patient Room</p> <p>Hallways</p> <p>Other areas in the Unit/Ward</p>	<p>Any/All Activity</p> <p>Present in the designated area, regardless of whether providing direct patient care</p>	<p>Procedure mask</p> <p>Eye protection</p> <p>Gown</p> <p>Gloves</p> <p>N95 Respirator *See Specific Instructions</p>	<p>Extended use of <b>same N95 respirator OR procedure mask, eye protection and gown without removal</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients  <b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks.  <b>Change respirator</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks and/or post intubation.</p> <p><b>Eye protection</b> to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks and at end of shift. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Extended use of gowns between COVID-19 Positive patients except</b> in situations when gowns should be used as per Routine Practices (e.g., MRSA, scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring Additional Precautions. Remove gown prior to leaving the <b>COVID-19 Positive</b> unit.</p> <p>Gloves are to be worn in all areas (e.g., halls) in the unit. Where there is <b>no direct patient contact, use of gloves may be extended.</b> Staff who are in/out of the patient room <b>without physical contact, a change in gloves would not be required.</b> Where there is <b>direct patient contact gloves</b> must be changed when leaving the room.</p> <p>If patient has a <b>secondary illness</b> requiring Routine Practices and Additional Precautions, gloves are to be used and changed as per the specific practice.</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves.</p>

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