

MHS Guidance on PPE Usage Practices

PPE	Conventional	Contingency	Crisis
Procedural Masks	<p>Use masks per product labeling. Discard mask after using as PPE when caring for patient in any isolation.</p> <p>*masks are worn at all times during the COVID response.</p>	<p>Discard mask when removed from face or if soiled, difficult to breathe through, or torn. Replace with a clean one immediately. Provide procedure mask to symptomatic patients. Limit from distributing to asymptomatic visitors/patients.</p>	<p>Use mask beyond manufacturer shelf life. Reuse the mask until soiled, worn, or difficult to breathe through. MHS may prioritize use of facemasks for certain activities. Store facemasks per <u>guidelines</u>.</p>
Cloth Masks	<p>Not used at clinical facilities. May be used to walk on and off the unit before and after work</p>	<p>May be used to walk on and off the unit before and after work. May be used for asymptomatic patients and visitors.</p>	<p>May be used to walk on and off the unit before and after work. May be used for asymptomatic patients and visitors.</p>
CAPR	<p>Use per manufacturer guidelines and MHS routine guidelines.</p>	<p>Prioritize use for staff that cannot be fit tested for N95. Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule outs. Clean and reuse/store visor till worn/cloudy.</p>	<p>Prioritize use for staff that cannot be fit tested for N95 and have COVID positive patients/symptomatic rule-outs. Clean and reuse/store visor till no longer usable.</p>
PAPR	<p>Use per manufacturer guidelines and MHS routine guidelines.</p>	<p>Prioritize for staff that cannot be fit tested. Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule outs. Clean after use.</p>	<p>Prioritize for staff that cannot be fit tested for N95 and have a COVID positive patients/symptomatic rule-outs.</p>
Elastomeric/Half Facepiece respirator	<p>Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule outs. Clean and reuse.</p>	<p>Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule outs. Clean after use.</p>	<p>Prioritize for staff that cannot be fit tested for N95 and have a COVID positive patient/symptomatic rule out.</p>
N95	<p>Single patient encounter use. One time use-discard when leaving room.</p>	<p>At the beginning of the shift, you will receive a N95, if you are wearing a full face shield over the mask, you can wear between patients. If you remove the mask, you must discard and retrieve a new N95. Also, discard if the N95 becomes wet, soiled, or damaged.</p>	<p>Label and date your mask at the beginning of your shift and store on hooks or in paper bags after use per <u>guidelines</u>. Store in a unit identified space from shift to shift till the mask is worn, moist, or damaged per <u>guidelines</u>.</p>

Goggles	Use per manufacturer guidelines. If single use only discard after you leave the room.	Clean and Reuse disposable goggles till no longer usable.	Clean and Reuse disposable goggles until no longer usable.
Face shields	Use per manufacturer guidelines. If single use only discard after you leave the room.	Clean and Reuse disposable face shields until no longer usable.	Clean and Reuse disposable face shields until no longer usable.
Eye Protection-over the ear	If single use only, discard after you leave the room.	Clean and Reuse disposable eye protection until no longer usable.	Clean and Reuse disposable face shields till no longer usable. Prioritize use for activities where splashes or sprays are anticipated or prolonged face to face or close contact is unavailable.
Gowns	Single patient use only. Remove when leaving room.	Single patient use only. Hang and store to use with the same patient during the shift.	Reuse the gowns from shift to shift for same or possibly different patients.
Gloves	Discard after use or when moving from a dirty to clean activities/areas.	Wash gloves and reuse during care if moving from dirty to clean activities.	Use gloves past the manufacturer designated shelf life. Consider use of non-healthcare glove alternatives for lower risk activities. Prioritize use of healthcare designated gloves for higher risk activities that involve bodily fluids. Extend the use of disposable medical gloves. See <u>guidelines</u> . Wash hands thoroughly between care items and when leaving the room.

Possibly have hyperlinks to guidelines that are more detailed than are appropriate for this document.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>