

## MHS Guidance on PPE Usage Practices:

PPE type	When to use	Reuse practice	What does this mean for staff?
<b>Masks:</b>	*Be aware that some form of facemask is required at all time while in a MultiCare Facility		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedural Masks</li> </ul>	Universal masking – masks are to be worn at all times	Not currently being reused	Discard mask when removed from face, after leaving an isolation room or if soiled, difficult to breathe through, or torn. Replace with a clean one immediately
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N95s</li> </ul>	Please see below	.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cloth masks</li> </ul>	May wear while walking in and out of the building before and after shift.	The cloth mask needs to be clean and in good repair.	Staff may <u>not</u> wear a cloth face mask while working in a MultiCare Facility where clinical care is given.
<b>Respirators:</b>	*CAPR/PAPR/Elastomeric/N95 are all comparable forms of respirators		They can all be used for COVID Positive or COVID Symptomatic Rule-out
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAPR</li> </ul>	Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule patient especially for AGPs	Follow reuse guidance on the Point MultiCare COVID site.	Clean hands, new gloves, remove visor and clean with PDI wipe-store as dictated on your unit, wipe helmet and battery, store on cart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAPR</li> </ul>	Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule out patient especially for AGPs	Follow reuse guidance on the Point MultiCare COVID site.	Clean hands, new gloves, remove helmet and pack, wipe with PDI wipes and store as dictated on your unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elastomeric</li> </ul>	Use for COVID positive/symptomatic rule out especially for AGPs	Follow reuse guidance on the Point MultiCare COVID site.	Clean hands, don gloves and wipe down Elastomeric with cleaning wipes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N95</li> </ul>	Continuously wear while working with COVID positive and rule out patients in the inpatient hospital setting.	Use N95 with face shield for COVID positive or rule out patients regardless of AGP.	Wear N95 unless it becomes wet, soiled, damaged, etc., or until you go on break. While on break, wear a procedural mask. Please don a new N95 before returning to the floor after a break. We are not currently storing or reprocessing N95's. If you take it off, throw it away and replace with a clean one.

<b>Eye Protection:</b>	*Be aware that some form of eye protection must be used when with a patient or in their occupied room.		<b>Glasses or glasses with side clips are not appropriate for PPE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Face shield</li> </ul>	Continuously wear while working with COVID positive and rule out patients in the inpatient hospital setting.	Reuse and clean with a PDI wipe until no longer functional.	When you are caring for a COVID positive or rule out patient, the recommendation is to wear a N95 and full face shield regardless of AGP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the ear eye protection</li> <li>• Goggles</li> </ul>	Use when in a patient room or within 6 feet of a patient. May remove if not with a patient.	Reuse and clean with a PDI wipe until no longer functional.	This means if a staff member is in a patient room or near a patient - the eye protection must be in place over the eyes. For example, during any transport.
<b>Gowns:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabric</li> <li>• Single use</li> </ul>	Use for any patient in isolation or any previous process that would require a gown.	We are not reusing fabric gowns.	No change in previous process.
<b>Gloves:</b>	For any risk of body fluid exposure or any isolation patient	We are not reusing gloves	No change in previous process