

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hazard Assessment for COVID-19			Last updated 04.06.22
	Patient PPE	Transmission Based Precautions	Healthcare Worker PPE
Low Risk: Patient presenting without symptoms¹ consistent with COVID-19, if COVID-19 infection not suspected based on symptom and exposure history.	Mask or Face Covering	Standard Precautions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical or Procedure Mask Goggles <u>or</u> Face Shield
Use medical-grade PPE that is hospital approved/provided, as indicated below. Always follow Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions.			
Medium Risk: Patient presenting with symptoms¹ consistent with COVID-19, if COVID-19 infection not suspected based on symptom and exposure history.	Surgical or Procedure Mask ²	Droplet Contact Eye Protection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical or Procedure Mask Goggles or Face Shield Gown Gloves
High Risk: Patient, regardless of COVID-19 infection status, with any aerosol-generating procedures (AGP)³.	Surgical or Procedure Mask ²	Airborne Eye Protection <i>AIIR preferred, when available</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> PAPR (preferred) or N95 Respirator Mask⁴⁻⁵ Goggles or Face Shield Gown Gloves
Higher Risk: Patient on quarantine, with suspicion for COVID-19, or known positive COVID-19, without any aerosol-generating procedures (AGP)³.	Surgical or Procedure Mask ²	Respirator Contact Eye Protection AIIR not required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> PAPR (preferred) or N95 Respirator Mask⁴⁻⁵ Goggles or Face Shield Gown Gloves
Highest Risk: COVID19 positive or suspect patient, with any aerosol-generating procedures (AGP)³.	Surgical or Procedure Mask ²	Airborne Eye Protection <i>AIIR preferred, when available</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> PAPR (preferred) or N95 Respirator Mask⁴⁻⁵ Goggles or Face Shield Gown Gloves

- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19: fever or chills, new cough, new shortness of breath, new fatigue, muscle or body aches, new headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, new congestion, new nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Patients will continue to wear a mask when in the room with a healthcare provider, unless the wear of the mask poses a safety risk, inhibits communication, or needs to be removed for assessment, treatment, or test. Ask patient to place mask back on when safe to do so.
- Examples of AGP: Intubation, Extubation, non-invasive ventilation, nasotracheal suction, ENT Procedures, bronchoscopy, CPR.
Refer to PPE Category Decision Flowsheet for further information on AGP versus non-AGP activities.
- Wear a respirator for all AGP (COVID19 or not). Highest Risk patients are those with COVID19 and AGP procedures; PAPR preferred, but N95 is an acceptable alternative. Standard Precautions apply to ALL patients.
- All N95 respirators worn and PAPR filters used for clinical situations that require Airborne Transmission-based precautions at ANMC are NIOSH approved.