



Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines

(as of March 19, 2020)

SCOPE

This applies to all Henry Ford Health System staff.

BACKGROUND

Our utmost priority is the safety of our staff and patients as we navigate this unprecedented pandemic. We have the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) within our System to care for COVID-19 patients. Standard PPE precautions recommended by HFHS Infection Control and outlined in our policies remain in effect and should be followed.

While we understand our staffs desire to wear masks, it is imperative that as more patients test positive, we continue to have PPE available for those areas/departments that have the highest volume of COVID-19 suspected or positive patients, as well as those areas where the patient's diagnosis is uncertain upon entry/arrival.

With the expanding COVID-19 pandemic, I am sure you have heard there is a national shortage of masks and we are experiencing that in Southeast and Central Michigan. We continue our commitment to excellence in patient care, staff wellbeing, and our educational mission. If we as a healthcare system utilize masks and/or PPE inappropriately, it is possible we may not have the appropriate PPE available long-term in the most critical areas of the organization caring for COVID-19 patients. We continue to work diligently to secure masks and PPE from a variety of sources, so that it is available to our staff when needed.

All staff working in and entering these areas should wear a mask at a minimum and follow all other PPE recommendations when providing direct patient care to patients in these areas (see grid for details):

Priority Areas

1. Emergency Department
2. Isolation Rooms & rule-out patients
3. Screening staff
4. Drive thru screening/testing sites
5. Primary Care Walk-In Clinics
6. Airway Management & Procedures (ORs, ICUs)
7. Time Sensitive procedural suites (IR, Endo, Cath Lab)
8. Specialty focus Ocular/Facial/Nasal/Oral oriented examinations & procedures



PPE GUIDELINES (as of March 19, 2020) All Standard Precautions Still Apply						
	N95 Respirator / PAPR	Ear Loop Mask	Face shield / Goggles	Gown	Gloved	Hand Hygiene
Clinical staff entering room of confirmed or suspected (test pending) COVID-19 patient and performing aerosolizing procedures excluding nasal pharyngeal swabbing		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clinical staff entering room of confirmed or suspected (test pending) COVID-19 patient and performing aerosolizing procedure.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Clinical staff entering room of confirmed or suspected (test pending) COVID-19 patient and performing nasal pharyngeal swabbing.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clinical staff entering room of unknown respiratory viral patient	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Curbside screening: collecting specimens		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curbside screening: other		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Visitor screening: if within 6 feet		✓				✓
Staff in an acute care campus: caring for someone who is not in transmission-based precautions		*				✓
EVS staff performing post-discharge clean of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient (after allowing room to be vacant for one hour)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transporter pushing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient in a medical bed		✓		✓	✓	✓
Transporter pushing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient on a stretcher or wheelchair		✓				✓
Staff accompanying transport of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patient		✓				✓

*please see prioritization list