

3-9-22 Guidance for PPE on Each Unit¹

Unit	Precautions	Gowns ²	Face Shield ³	Respiratory Protection ⁴
Red	Droplet and Contact	When in room	At all times; extended use in unit OK	N95
Yellow	Droplet and Contact	For any contact with patient or patient environment ⁵	When in rooms; extended use in unit OK	N95
Green – Outbreak	Enhanced Standard	For extended patient care encounter ⁶	When in rooms; extended use in unit OK	N95
Observation	Droplet and Contact	For any contact with patient or patient environment ⁵	When in rooms; extended use in unit OK	N95
Green – Non-outbreak	Standard	For extended patient care ⁶ if known or suspected MDRO	Use if transmission high ⁷ ; otherwise consider if splashes possible	Surgical mask; N95 for AGP if transmission high ⁷

Footnotes:

1. Gloves for all patient contact; change gloves and hand hygiene between each patient.
2. No extended use of gowns; must discard or launder after contact with single patient. Doff prior to exiting room; no gowns in hallway.
3. Face shield must be doffed, cleaned and sanitized if soiled or wet and before breaks.
4. Extended use of masks/respirators (multiple donning/doffing per day) if providing care for patients of similar exposure status and if manufacturer allows; Cal/OSHA prefers single use of respirators. No reuse of respirator on multiple days; must discard at end of shift, or at any time if damaged, soiled or wet.
5. Per CDC guidance: “Wear a gown for all interactions that may involve contact with the patient or the patient’s environment”; therefore, gown not needed for brief entry with no contact with patient or environment.
6. Extended patient care encounter = within 6 feet of patient for 15 min or longer, or significant body contact (e.g., bathing, dressing, toileting, transfers, or wound change).
7. CDC recommends use of face shields for all patient care in green zone and N-95s for aerosol generating procedure in green zone if community transmission substantial or high per CDC COVID Date Tracker <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>