

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Usage for Ambulatory Assessment Points (AAPs)

As a minimum, standard and droplet precautions will be used by both staff and patients at Ambulatory Assessment Points (AAPs). In addition, healthcare givers and staff cleaning patient-contact areas will use airborne precautions. The following outlines the precautions:

- A surgical or procedure mask or an unfitted N95 respirator will be used by all staff and all patients entering an AAP;
 - An N-95 respirator (minimum) will be worn by all healthcare staff providing treatment to symptomatic patients;
 - An N-95 respirator (minimum) will be worn by all staff cleaning patient-contact areas;
- Non-latex exam gloves will be worn by all staff when within 3 feet of any patient at an AAP;
 - Non-healthcare and patient-contact area cleaning staff will remove and discard gloves when they are torn, visibly soiled, or when leaving the AAP;
 - Healthcare staff will remove and discard gloves after each patient contact (see NOTE below for exceptions);
 - Patient-contact area cleaning staff will remove and discard gloves after cleaning each area.
- Safety glasses with side-shields or wrap-around style side protection will be worn by all staff when within 3 feet of any patient at an AAP;
 - Goggles can be used instead of safety glasses;
 - Face shields and/or goggles can be used over prescription glasses;
- Disposable long-sleeved gowns or aprons will be worn by all staff at AAPs when within 3 feet of any patients.

PPE will be donned prior to meeting with the patient and removed after meeting with each individual patient. NOTE: if symptomatic patients are cohorted (placed together) in one isolation area, respirators and gloves do not have to be removed after meeting with each patient. Respirators and gloves do have to be removed when leaving the isolation area.

All PPE will be removed when leaving any isolation area and when leaving the AAP.

Staff will remove PPE in the following sequence:

- Remove eye protection and face shield (if worn). Place in impervious container to be cleaned and disinfected;
- Remove gown and discard in plastic-lined container;
- Remove gloves and discard in plastic-lined container;
- Clean hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- Remove mask or respirator by grasping the elastic bands; DO NOT touch the front of mask/respirator. Discard in plastic-lined container;
- Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Patients will remove their masks and discard them in a plastic-lined container prior to leaving the AAP. Patients will also clean their hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water prior to leaving the AAP

Disposable PPE (masks/respirators, gloves, gowns) will be disposed of in waste containers lined with plastic bags. Reusable PPE (eye protection, face shields) will be set aside after each patient contact and cleaned and disinfected as outlined below.

To clean and disinfect eye protection and face shields:

- Place equipment in a deep sink or basin with a detergent/warm water solution;
- Agitate equipment under water;

- Rinse equipment in running water. Run water slowly to minimize splashing;
- Place cleaned equipment in a solution of 2-3 cups bleach per gallon of water. Soak for 10 minutes;
- Rinse equipment in running water. Run water slowly to minimize splashing;
- Set disinfected equipment aside in a clean area to air dry. If necessary, equipment can be dried with clean towels.

People cleaning and disinfecting equipment will wear PPE consisting of: disposable gloves, gowns and eye protection.