

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Usage for Point-of-Distribution Sites (PODS)

Standard and droplet precautions will be used by both staff and patients at mass vaccination point-of-distribution sites (PODS) as follows:

- Surgical or procedure mask. An unfitted N95 respirator can also be used. These will be used by all staff and all patients entering a POD;
- Non-latex exam gloves will be worn by all staff when within 3 feet of any patient at a POD;
 - Gloves will be removed and discarded after 5 patient contacts, or when they are torn or visibly soiled;
- 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 a POD;
 - Goggles can be used instead of safety glasses;
 - Face shields and/or goggles can be used over prescription glasses;

PPE will be donned prior to meeting with the patient(s).

All PPE will be removed when leaving any vaccination area and when leaving the PODS.

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 POD. Patients will also clean their hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water prior to leaving the POD.

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.