As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, guidance documents are being regularly updated and made available at https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/ to ensure all health care providers have access to the most up-to-date information, protocols and guidance.

Specific questions have arisen related to aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs) and the role of N95 respirators for AGMP procedures involving residents in Long Term Care.

**Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP) and N95 Respirators in Long Term Care**

An updated list of AGMPs has been provided and is available at https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/aerosol-generating-medical-procedures-AGMPs.pdf.

In response to the following question “Do I need to wear an N95 respirator for **ALL** AGMPs?” please note the following:

An N95 respirator is required for all AGMP’s in Long Term Care IF:

- The patient/client/resident has been tested and is COVID-19 positive. For this resident population, the N95 for AGMPs can only be discontinued when cleared by Public Health and/or an Infectious Disease Specialist;
- The patient meets the testing criteria for COVID-19 and a nasopharyngeal swab has been sent but the results are pending;
- The patient meets the testing criteria for COVID-19 and is waiting to be swabbed and tested;
The Provincial Medical Officer of Health has designated all patients in the facility as potential COVID-19 suspects.

Based on the above for patients in long term care facilities, an N95 respirator is not universally required when performing AGMPs.