As previously communicated, during clinical assessment, physicians and staff must use Enhanced Droplet/Contact precautions (also referred to as Droplet/Contact precautions with airborne precautions for aerosol-generating medical procedures) and wear required personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes gowns, gloves, procedure/surgical mask and eye protection/face shield. Hospital-issued surgical scrubs are NOT required.

Staff are reminded that personal protective equipment is to be provided by the region/site/facility and used as clinically indicated.

Manitoba’s COVID-19 response includes a coordinated and centrally managed supply of PPE for all health care workers. Supplies are being stored in centrally located warehouses to ensure stock and resupply are appropriately monitored. Regular shipments are filling immediate needs at sites around the province. Should need increase, supply distribution will also increase.

Note: N95 respirators are only recommended for aerosol-generating medical procedures: https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/aerosol-generating-medical-procedures-AGMPs.pdf.

Consultation with Manitoba’s Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Branch has confirmed that our ongoing compliance with the Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines for contact and droplet precautions are supported. In issuing this decision, WSH consulted with local and national experts in infectious disease as well as experts on coronavirus research and coronavirus infection control.