

**COVID-19**  
**Provincial Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for**  
**Intubation and other Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) involving**  
**COVID-19 Suspect or COVID-19 Positive Patients**

**Enhanced Droplet/Contact PPE is required for use during [AGMPs](#) involving COVID-19 Suspect or COVID-19 Positive Patients**

All persons in the room must wear the following PPE:

- gowns (cloth or disposable) fits to below waist
- N95 respirator
- eye protection: eye goggles, face shields, or safety glasses
- non-sterile extended cuff gloves (If not available, sterile gloves of adequate length should be used)

All persons in the room where AGMPs are performed must remove the following:

- lanyards, watches, rings, pocket contents, stethoscope, and all other unnecessary items

**Enhanced PPE discretionary for use during AGMPs with increased risk of high-volume body fluids**

Use of these items is discretionary and context-sensitive based on individual clinical circumstances and risks such as vomiting, diarrhea, and active bleeding:

**NOTE: This is not related solely to COVID-19 status**

- hoods/caps
- impervious gowns
- double gloving
- booties

**Clinical:**

- the most experienced personnel available should perform the procedure
- the number of individuals present during AGMPs should be limited to only those essential to patient care and support
- conduct intubation and other AGMPs in as planned and considered manner as possible
- ensure required equipment is in the room/bed/space prior to procedure
- sedate and paralyze patient if intubation is required

**Physical Space:**

**COVID-19 Suspect or COVID-19 Positive** AGMPs should be performed in an AIIR or private room with the door closed.

- When an AIIR or private room is not available and the AGMP must occur in place, draw the privacy curtains and remove any shared equipment, supplies or linens from the immediate vicinity prior to performing an AGMP.

*These recommendations may be revised based on future emerging evidence and in consultation with Shared Health and Infection Prevention & Control.*