

## MEMO

**Date:** March 28, 2020 UPDATED  
**To:** Health System Leaders  
**From:** **Dr. Brent Roussin**  
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer  
**Lanette Siragusa, Provincial Lead**  
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**Re:** **COVID-19 – Infection Prevention & Control Advice  
on Scrubs, Uniforms and Footwear)**

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### **There is no change to existing policies for Hospital issued surgical scrubs.**

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.**

Physicians and staff who are required to wear hospital-issued surgical scrubs in designated areas such as operating rooms or obstetrics are reminded to NOT wear scrubs into – or out of – the facility as per facility policy.

For all other staff, it is recommended best practice to bring your personal work uniform with you and change when you arrive at work. Please bring a change of clothes and change before going home and maintain a dedicated pair of shoes for work. Follow normal practice when laundering your uniform. Laundry detergent and use of the warmest washing machine temperatures recommended on your clothing label are suggested.