Acute and Sub-Acute Emergency and Urgent Care
COVID-19 Definitions

COVID-19 Positive patients, residents or clients are those who have been tested and have a positive test result and who **have not** been deemed “recovered” by Public Health or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).

COVID-19 Suspect patients, Residents and/or Clients are those who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing AND who have been swabbed AND whose test result is pending.

COVID-19 Non-Suspect patients, residents or clients are those who do not meet the criteria for testing and/or those who have been tested and their results are negative and/or those who have been tested and their results are positive but they have been deemed “recovered” by Public Health, or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).
## PPE – Emergency and Urgent Care – Patient Rooms

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| **Emergency Department and Urgent Care Patient Rooms** | Providing direct care to patients | Procedure mask  
Eye protection  
Gowns (see specific instructions)  
Gloves (see specific instructions)  
All patients presenting with influenza-like-illness, shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms are to be placed, at a minimum, on droplet/contact precautions.  
Patients who are unable to provide a COVID screening history (unconscious, delirious) are to be placed, at a minimum, on droplet/contact precautions until such time that an appropriate history and/or collateral information can be obtained. | Extended use of **same mask AND eye protection without removal** for repeated interactions with multiple patients for **maximum of one complete shift**:  
Change mask IF it becomes wet, damaged, soiled.  
**Gowns** are to be used as per routine practices (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND/OR with COVID-19 positive and/or suspect patients  
Gloves are not required for every patient interaction  
With COVID-19 Suspect patients/residents **Gloves** must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling)  
With COVID-19 Positive patients/residents, extend use of same gloves, changing only after direct patient contact and/or if soiled or damaged  
Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves  
Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift. |
| **Nursing Stations** | As per Shared Health Recommendations for intubation and other Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures | As per Shared Health Recommendations for intubation and other Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures |

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**April 23, 2020 Provincial Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
# PPE – Emergency and Urgent Care – Areas of Patient Transport

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| Emergency Department and Urgent Care Triage/Hallways/ Areas of Patient Transport | Present in the designated area | Procedure mask  
Eye protection (see specific instructions)  
Gowns (see specific instructions)  
Gloves (see specific instructions) | Extended use of *same mask* for repeated interactions with multiple patients for *maximum of one complete shift*  
*Change mask IF* it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled  
Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.  
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