In Facility
Patient Transport
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 – Patient Transport Within Facilities

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<th>Areas of Patient Transit (eg. Wards, Corridors)</th>
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<td>Present in the designated area</td>
<td>Procedure mask, Eye protection</td>
<td>Extended use of <em>same mask</em> for repeated interactions with multiple patients for <em>maximum of one complete shift</em>:</td>
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<td>During any activity that requires a primary care provider or nurse to accompany the patient, the nurse or primary care provider assumes responsibility for pushing the stretcher.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Change mask IF it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled</td>
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<td>Minimize number of people involved in transport wherever possible (e.g., in situations where there is normally a “sending nurse” and a “receiving nurse”, the receiving nurse comes down to transport the patient)</td>
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<td>Eye protection is only required when interacting or transporting a COVID-19 positive and/or suspect patient</td>
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**Gowns** are to be used as per routine practices (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND with COVID-19 positive and/or suspect patients

Gloves are not required for every patient interaction unless the patient is COVID-19 positive and/or suspect

With COVID-19 Suspect patients/residents **Gloves** must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions

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

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