

Personal Protective Equipment Extended Use Guidance for Patient Care

As of June 22, 2022, PPE re-use, which refers to doffing PPE and storing it in a clean/dry place, is no longer permitted.

Isolation Type	No isolation (source control only) or patient on Droplet ¹ , Contact ¹ , Enteric Contact Isolation	Airborne ¹ Isolation, Novel Respiratory Isolation, and patients with suspected/confirmed monkeypox	Aerosol Generating Procedures Regardless of Isolation
<p>Extended Use</p> <p>Refers to wearing PPE continuously without doffing between multiple patient interactions</p>	<p>Medical Mask or N95: YES. You can wear the same N95 (or medical mask) continuously unless wet/soiled/damaged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>If you remove it, discard it.</i> Do NOT store for re-use. <p>Eye Protection: YES. You can wear the same eye protection continuously unless soiled, damaged, or difficult to see through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discard or clean eye protection whenever visibly soiled or removed². <p>Gloves/Gown: NO. Discard gloves and gown every time on room exit.</p>	<p>N95: NO. Discard the N95 every time on room exit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In select locations only³, extended use is permissible when sequentially caring for a large volume of patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation or Respiratory Isolation where use of an N95 respirator is recommended (does not apply to suspected or confirmed monkey pox). - <i>If you remove it, discard it.</i> Do NOT store for re-use. - <i>Discard immediately if soiled or contaminated with aerosols generated during care.</i> <p>Eye Protection: NO. Discard or clean the face shield or PAPR shield on room exit.²</p> <p>Gloves/Gown: NO. Discard gloves and gown every time on room exit.</p> <p>Follow the CDC’s donning/doffing guidance here: https://hospitals.vchca.org/images/medical_staff/EDU_ppe-sequence_-_AV-4-21-20.pdf</p>	<p>N95: NO. Discard the N95 every time on room exit following an AGP.</p> <p>Eye Protection: NO. Discard or clean the face shield or PAPR shield on room exit.²</p> <p>Gloves/Gown: NO. Discard gloves and gown every time on room exit.</p> <p>Refer to VCMC/SPH AGP’s list here: https://hospitals.vchca.org/images/medical_staff/4_25_20_AGP_VCMC_Todd_CS.pdf</p>
<p>Re-use</p> <p>Refers to doffing PPE and storing it in a clean safe dry place (e.g., paper bag) between uses</p>	<p>Medical Mask or N95: NO. Discard the N95 (or medical mask) once you remove it.</p> <p>Eye Protection: YES. Discard or clean eye protection whenever visibly soiled or removed.²</p> <p>Gloves/Gown: NO. Discard gloves and gown every time on room exit.</p>		

¹ Except patients with suspected or confirmed Monkeypox for which discarding PPE when exiting the patient’s room is required.

² Clean with hospital-approved disinfectant wipes.

³ Select locations include the Emergency Departments, OB Triage, Urgent Cares, and Respiratory Screening Clinics when sequentially caring for a large volume of patients with confirmed or suspected SARS-CoV-2, or patients with tuberculosis, varicella, measles, and other infectious diseases where use of an N95 respirator or higher is recommended (does not apply to suspected or confirmed monkey pox).