

PPE recommendations by setting/encounter type for suspect or confirmed COVID-19

Setting	Individual	Activity	Type of PPE or procedure
Consultation room / area	Healthcare workers	Physical examination of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19	Droplet and Contact Precautions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical/procedural mask • Isolation gown • Gloves • Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
	Patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide surgical/procedural mask if tolerated • Perform hand hygiene
	Environmental service Workers	After and between consultations with patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19	Droplet and Contact Precautions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical/procedural mask • Isolation gown • Gloves • Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
Waiting room	Patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide surgical/procedural mask if tolerated • Immediately move the patient to a single patient room or separate area away from others; if this is not feasible, ensure spatial distance of at least 6 feet from other patients
Administrative areas	All staff, including health care workers	Administrative tasks that do not involve contact with patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine practices *
Triage / Reception	Healthcare workers	Preliminary screening not involving direct contact	If able to maintain spatial distance of at least 6 feet or separation by physical barrier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine practices * Otherwise, Droplet and Contact precautions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical/procedural mask • Isolation gown • Gloves • Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
	Patients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain spatial distance of at least 6 feet or separation by physical barrier • Provide surgical/procedural mask if tolerated

* [Public Health Ontario \(2013\)](#) outlines Routine Practices for preventing the transmission of acute respiratory infections. Universal masking is not included as Routine Practice, however, for the purpose of source control the MOH now recommends that surgical/procedural masks be worn by HCWs for the full duration of shifts if physical distancing cannot be maintained with patients and/or other HCWs ([MOH, May 22, 2020](#)).