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Intubation of Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 Patient

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<p>What's New?</p>	<p>Intubation of the suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patient is a specialized skill and should be performed by the Most Qualified Physician (MQP), with assistance from the most experienced RT, and most experienced RN.</p> <p>The MQP may include an Anesthesiologist if an airway is pre-assessed as difficult. The Attending MRP in (Emergency, PICU or NICU) may request Anesthesiologist for intubations other than a difficult airway.</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>To limit healthcare team exposure to particles and aerosols of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patient intubation will be performed with as few members of the healthcare team in the patient room as possible.</p> <p>CWBC/BCCH recognizes intubation as an Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP), therefore the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) necessary for droplet contact and airborne precautions shall be enforced.</p> <p>Consider clustering procedures (collect all equipment for lines or other procedures before entering room).</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<p>This procedure is applicable to all areas outside the operating room who intubate suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients.</p>
<p>How do I find out more?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the full procedure on epops Intubation Of Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 Patient
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<p>Contact your clinical educator, RT or RT Professional Practice Coordinator</p>