

All Clinical Department/Program(s)

COVID-19 Pandemic: Mask, PPE Use and Routine Practices in Health Care Settings

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What's New?	<p>Two (2) PHSA policies have been updated: COVID-19 Pandemic: Mask Use in Health Care Settings policy and COVID-19 Pandemic: Personal Protective Equipment Use and Routine Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Eye Protection is required when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identified based on Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) ○ Providing care to patients on droplet precautions, or droplet and contact precautions ○ Performing AGMP in patients with COVID 19: Full face shield or goggles • Please note: the medical mask use requirements have not changed in this update and remain in effect. All persons working in a clinical unit/setting or patient care area must wear a medical mask, including in common areas, meeting rooms, and break rooms unless eating and/or drinking
Why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect updated BC Ministry of Health Policy for Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic • To protect Patients, Staff (clinical and non-clinical), visitors and the public
How does this affect my practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye protection is no longer required for every patient interaction • All other routine practices remain in place
How do I find out more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit ePOPS for additional information
Who do I contact for further information?	<p>Speak with your program manager, operational, practice or education leaders for any questions.</p>