

## CW Practice Update

### COVID-19: PPE Use - Application Of PPE Emergency Prioritization Policy

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<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<p>This procedure has been updated to align with the <a href="#">PHSA Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic</a> policy.</p>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>PPE allocation and supply continues to be monitored closely to align with the Ministry of Health <a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework</a>.</p>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<p>Updates include the following additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revised policy statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCPs and staff wear a medical mask in <a href="#">non-clinical</a> areas or <a href="#">public</a> areas in alignment with <a href="#">PHSA Mask Use policy</a> requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Revised section 2.3 – Health care providers and staff NOT providing direct patient care...must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a medical mask in all clinical, non-clinical and public areas of the facility as per the <a href="#">PHSA Mask Use policy</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To extend use, use same medical mask while performing job duties without removing the mask until leaving a unit/area for breaks/meals and end of day</li> <li>○ Change mask only when it is wet, damaged or soiled</li> <li>○ Change mask if contaminated by interaction such as direct contact with touch, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, etc.</li> <li>○ Refer to <a href="#">Surgical/Procedure Masks: How To Guide and Surgical/Procedure Masks: Do's and Dont's</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work with area leaders to change work process to avoid entering the <a href="#">Patient Environment</a> or being within 2 metre contact with all patients and their designated caregiver/support person.</li> <li>• Maintain physical distancing in all encounters with other HCPs or staff.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>*Medical masks are masks that have been approved by your health authority and rated according to stringent North American standards (ASTM). Masks provided through PHSA Supply Chain to health care facilities are all considered medical grade masks</p>

<b>How do I find out more?</b>	See the front page of ePOPS for COVID-19 Resources and check regularly for updates and added resources. For access to all Policy & Procedure documents search <a href="#">ePOPS</a>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact C&amp;W IPAC Team: <a href="mailto:IPACS@cw.bc.ca">IPACS@cw.bc.ca</a></li><li>• Contact your unit leader or educator for additional information.</li></ul>