

Practice Update

For all HCPs and Staff

COVID-19: PPE Use - Application of PPE Prioritization Framework

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<p>What's New?</p>	<p>The COVID-19: PPE Use - Application of PPE Prioritization Framework Policy has been updated. Key content updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low and high risk patient definitions • N95 mask respirator (or alternative elastomeric) usage • Necessity for making a Point of Care Risk Assessment • Improved CW Reference Table.
<p>Why the Change?</p>	<p>As the understanding of the risk of COVID-19 for the unique C&W patient population evolves with epidemiological evidence, updates have been made to meet the joint goals of protecting staff, protecting patients and preserving PPE.</p> <p>This update provides clarity in direction to meet PPE preservation requirements of Stage 4 of the Ministry of Health COVID-19: Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework.</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow all requirements for your role in the policy. • Always read the full policy prior to using the CW Reference Table. • Read the revised COVID-19: PPE Use - Application of PPE Prioritization Framework policy or access the updated policy on ePOPS under the Routine and Additional Precautions section and refer to the Personal Protective Equipment resources.
<p>How do I find out more?</p>	<p>Talk to your Infection Control Practitioner, Educator, CRN, Senior Practice Leaders, Professional Practice Leader or other clinical leaders.</p> <p>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 ePOPs</p>
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<p>Contact your area clinical leaders, educators or professional practice leaders for more support</p> <p>Page the Infection Control Practitioner at: Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or IPACS@cw.bc.ca</p> <p>After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</p>