

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 revised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All patients are now grouped as low or high risk patients • Definition for direct care has been updated • Increased emphasis on requirement to change workflows those not providing direct patient care and not entering the patient environment to limit number of staff in clinical areas as part of PPE preservation initiative • Increased emphasis on extending PPE use for specific items
<p>Why the Change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHSA guidance has confirmed definitions for low and high risk patients and the PPE items required for each category. These categories support all areas to protect staff and patients. • All areas and roles need to adjust how they work to limit direct patient care encounters and limit entering patient environment. • The PPE Emergency Prioritization Framework requires that we preserve supply of PPE and extend its use.
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Follow all PPE use and limiting use requirements as directed. • Work with your area leaders to change how you can work to maintain distance from low and high risk patients. • Support your colleagues and other staff to understand and meet the requirements of the policy.
<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 After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</p>