

Practice Update

Infection Prevention and Control Practice

Donning & Doffing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Droplet & Contact and Airborne Precautions (includes AGMPs)

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<p>What's New?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures for Donning & Doffing PPE: Droplet & Contact and Airborne Precautions (includes Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures AGMPs) have been updated to include Rationales for all steps, including the change of doffing eye protection and mask outside the room for Droplet & Contact and Airborne (includes AGMPs). This is a change for Droplet & Contact Precautions from previous practice and differs from the BCCDC. Specific to COVID-19 lab-confirmed or patients under investigation: A Guideline for PPE with AGMPs has been created to provide guidance to healthcare workers who may choose to wear additional PPE items during AGMPs. The additional items are <u>not</u> required for safety, but may be allowable. See document for details for each item. COVID-19 Guideline for AGMPs Only: Personal Protective Equipment Donning & Doffing
<p>Why?</p>	<p>The BCCDC steps for donning & doffing for Droplet & Contact precautions indicate that all PPE is removed inside the room. For C&W, Droplet & Contact and Airborne precautions (includes AGMPs) have been aligned to have the steps of doffing eye and mask protection occur outside the patient room. Many of our patients undergo AGMPs which require airborne precautions. All PPE items and the sequence of donning & doffing aligns with BCCDC. See document details for rationales of each step. Doffing (Taking Off) Personal Protective Equipment Procedure</p> <p>The Guideline for AGMPs has been created so that all healthcare workers are clear on what items are required, allowable or not recommended. Each item is placed in correct donning & doffing sequence (with doffing technique included) to provide clarity.</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donning and doffing of personal protective equipment is a basic skill for all staff; in light of COVID-19 all staff are to review and practice these procedures including the steps <i>inside</i> the room versus <i>outside</i> the room. Prior to using any additional PPE items, staff must review the Guideline and be sure they understand the proper sequence and technique for any non-required items.
<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. See the front page of ePOPS for COVID-19 Resources and check regularly for updates and added resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The above documents are found under the section Routine & Additional Precautions. All Practice Updates are available under the Practice Update section.
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<p>Contact your area clinical leaders, professional practice leaders, or C&W Policy Office. Page the Infection Control Practitioner at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or IPACS@cw.bc.ca <p>After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 216</p>