

## CW Practice Update

### COVID-19: Patient Transfer/ Transport

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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>Additional details for identification of Isolation Precautions in the TransportTracking system have been added to support clear communication to all when transporting a patient.</p>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>Clear communication to all roles of isolation precautions involved in patient transport is essential to protect staff, patients and families in all clinical and non-clinical areas.</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><i>Updates include the following additions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised policy statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care providers and staff confirm patient status prior to patient transfer/transport for <a href="#">low or high risk</a> of infectious disease transmission and follow all requirements for PPE Use as per <a href="#">CW PPE Use policy</a> and <a href="#">PHSA Mask Use policy</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional pre-transfer/transport step: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step #5. For all patients, <b>OFFER</b> a medical mask to the patient to wear, if tolerated and possible, during transfer/transport process. Patients do not need to wear a mask in their own room or space.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Any accompanying family/caregiver/support person is offered a mask to wear a medical mask* when moving around clinical, non-clinical and public areas.</p> <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> </li> <li>Review the updated <a href="#">Patient Transport Procedure</a> to ensure understanding of all requirements in particular those for patients on Additional Precautions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCPs and staff confirm patient status prior to patient transfer/transport and follow all requirements for PPE Use as per policy</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>porter</b> can be requested through TransportTracking to support patient transports.</li> <li>• Identification of Isolation Precautions and type is required in the TransportTracking system.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Communication</b> of a patient’s status and need for Additional Precautions remains essential information to protect patients and staff. Communication to confirm roles in transport is required.</p> <p>All nurses, HCPs and porters will wear the appropriate PPE for patient transports, following the extended use and PPE allocation framework requirements as outlined in the <a href="#">COVID-19: PPE Use – Application of PPE Emergency Prioritization Policy</a>.</p>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></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 &amp; Procedure documents search <a href="#">ePOPS</a></p> <p>TransportTracking quick reference guides can be found <a href="#">here</a> or by searching TransportTracking on POD.</p> <p>A Learning Hub course is available <a href="#">here</a> for those who require training on use of the system.</p> <p>All materials and education resources for the TransportTracking system can be found <a href="#">here</a> .</p>
<p><b>Who do I contact for further information?</b></p>	<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>