

PPE INFORMATION

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Changes for Aerosol Procedures

As we continue to see community spread of COVID-19, our PPE policies will continue to evolve and change. On Thursday, April 23, a new vulnerability was discovered with asymptomatic COVID-19 patients receiving aerosol medications.

- Please remember, in addition to a mask, eye protection **MUST** be worn during direct patient care within 6 feet of **ALL** patients, regardless of whether the patient is known or suspected to have COVID-19 illness.
- There will now be new signage for aerosol generating procedures. A sign will be placed on the patients' door when an aerosol generating procedure is being performed and for patients receiving aerosol generating therapies.
- An employee in a patient room while an aerosol generating procedure is being performed must wear a N95 mask (or PAIIP/XAIIP) with eye protection (face shield, goggles, or safety glasses). Examples of aerosol generating procedures and therapies include: nebulized aerosol medication treatments, BiPAP, CPAP, intubation, extubation, bronchoscopy, sputum induction, open suctioning of airway, and high flow oxygen therapy.
- For those not providing direct patient care (i.e. housekeeping, dietary, IS) please try to wait until the aerosol generating procedure is complete before entering or discuss with nursing how best to safely accomplish the necessary task.