

Preparation

1. Gather all supplies and PPE:

- Paper bag
- Permanent marker
- Hospital-approved disinfectant wipe
- Alcohol-based hand rub
- Dedicated horizontal surface for disinfection
- N95 respirator
- Gown
- Gloves
- Protective eyewear:
 - a. Full-face shield, or
 - b. Goggles and procedure mask, or
 - c. Surgical mask with attached face shield

2. Perform hand hygiene.



3. Write name on protective eyewear and paper bag.



4. Write DXN on N95.



5. Place paper bag on horizontal surface to receive reusable N95 while doffing.

Donning PPE

1. Don isolation gown.



2. Don N95 respirator.*



Cup outside of respirator in the palm of your hand with straps hanging freely below.



Place the respirator over your nose and under your chin allowing the head bands to hang freely over your hand.



Pull the straps over your head placing the top strap high at the back of your head and the bottom strap around your neck and below your ears. Do not crisscross the straps in the back of the head.



Use the fingertips of both hands to mold the nose clip firmly against your nose and face. Do not pinch with one hand.



Perform a user seal check following the manufacturer's instructions.

3. Don protective eyewear.



4. Don gloves.

**Gloves are optional while donning N95 respirator. Alternatively, hand hygiene may be performed at any point throughout this process.*

Doffing PPE INSIDE OF THE PATIENT ROOM

1. Remove gown and gloves.

Grasp the gown in front and pull away from your body so the ties break, taking care to touch only the outside of the gown with gloved hands.



While removing the gown, fold or roll the gown inside-out into a bundle.



Peel off the gloves as you are removing the gown. Only touch the inside of the gloves and gown with your bare hands.



2. Perform hand hygiene and exit the room.



Donning PPE OUTSIDE OF THE NEXT PATIENT ROOM

1. Perform hand hygiene.



2. Don clean isolation gown.

If donning a pullover gown, break the seal at the neck and don as you would a tie gown. Do not pull gown over face shield. Doing so will contaminate the inside of the gown.



3. Don clean gloves.



Continue this process to see multiple patients wearing the same protective eyewear and N95. Proceed to follow instructions to doff and disinfect PPE when you are done seeing PUI or COVID+ patients or when N95 is visibly soiled or no longer achieves a seal during seal check. Surgical/procedure masks and surgical masks with attached face shield should be discarded after each use.

Doffing and Disinfecting PPE OUTSIDE OF THE PATIENT ROOM

1. Perform hand hygiene.

2. Don clean gloves.

3. Remove full-face shield or goggles.

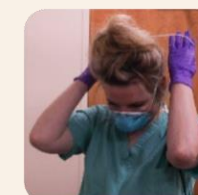


Place disinfectant wipes on horizontal surface, enough to accommodate the size of the protective eyewear (approx. 4 for full-face shield, 1-2 for goggles).

Remove protective eyewear and place on wipes.

4. Sanitize gloves.**

5. Remove N95.



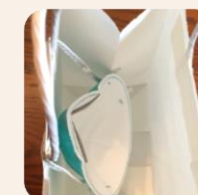
Use two index fingers to lift straps off the back of the neck.



Lean slightly forward and pull lower strap over the head slowly and deliberately.



Allow strap to hang freely and repeat with upper strap to remove mask away from face.



Carefully place N95 respirator into paper bag.

6. Sanitize gloves.**

7. Disinfect protective eyewear.



Disinfect front and back of shield, elastic band, and foam band or lenses and ear pieces with hospital-approved disinfectant wipes.

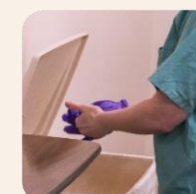


Place face shield or goggles on the opposite bag handle with plastic shield/lenses on the outside of the bag to dry.



Disinfect horizontal surface.

8. Remove and discard gloves.



9. Perform hand hygiene.



***Sanitizing gloves is discouraged for routine care. Sanitizing gloves is only an accepted practice when doffing PPE for PUI and COVID+ patients during the COVID pandemic.*

Collection of N95 Respirators for Decontamination



At the end of your shift and immediately after doffing your N95, place the N95 in the designated Battelle bin. If your N95 becomes wet, visibly soiled, or no longer achieves a proper seal, dispose of it in the proper receptacle.