





Isolation Gown Essentials Grid

All gowns included provide protection while caring for COVID-19 patients on isolation precautions

| Gown Type: Rating Level | Barrier Level | Anticipated Risk of Exposure to Fluid | Examples of Recommended Tasks | Fluid Permeability |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Polypropylene lightweight | 1  | Wear when you are <u>NOT</u> expecting to come in contact with moderate or large volumes of fluid during the course of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact precautions • Droplet precautions • Basic Patient Care | Minimal water resistance (some resistance to water spray) |
| Polypropylene moderate weight | 2  | Wear when you are <u>NOT</u> expecting to come in contact with moderate or large volumes of fluid during the course of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact precautions • Droplet precautions • Basic Patient Care • Blood Draws • Inserting I.V. Lines | Low water resistance (some resistance to water spray and some resistance to water penetration under constant contact with increasing pressure) |
| Polypropylene moderate weight (May be coated with polyethylene film) | 3  | Wear when you <u>ARE</u> expecting to come in contact with moderate volumes of fluid during the course of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact precautions • Droplet precautions • Basic Patient Care • Blood Draws • Inserting I.V. Lines • Active bleeding such as postpartum hemorrhage or GI bleeding | Moderate water resistance (resistance to water spray with some resistance to water penetration under constant contact with increasing pressure) |
| Polyethylene Isolation | Not Rated  | Wear when you <u>ARE</u> expecting to come in contact with moderate to large volumes of fluid during the course of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All isolation and fluid exposure situations | Impermeable |

Notes:

- Gowns are listed in order of increasing protection against fluid. All gowns listed provide adequate protection for routine care of patients on isolation precautions.
- Isolation gown supply is constrained and not all gowns may be available at all times.
- Sterile surgical gowns (not pictured) should be used only when performing sterile procedures.
- Chemotherapy gowns (not pictured) offer specific protection against cytotoxic medications and should only be used while administering chemotherapy treatment.