

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR CAREGIVERS PERFORMING **IN-PATIENT** OR **OUT-PATIENT** PROCEDURES

	Face Mask <sup>1</sup> (surgical or ear-loop mask)	N95 <sup>1,2</sup> (fit-tested respirator)	Protective Eyewear <sup>3</sup> (goggles or face-shield)	Gown & Gloves
<b>COVID-19 NEGATIVE PATIENTS</b> (By PCR or Rapid testing)	Wear Face Mask		Wear Protective Eyewear	Wear Gown & Gloves
<b>All other patients:</b> (COVID-19 +, PUI [test pending], Asymptomatic, or Unknown)				
<b>Highest Risk or Possible Risk of Aerosolization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bronchoscopy; Nebulization; Tracheostomy; NIPPV; Open tracheal suctioning; Intubation/Extubation; High flow O2; ENT or GI Endoscopy; Naso-enteric tube placement; TEE; ENT or skull-base, oropharyngeal, other tracheal and lung surgery</li> </ul>		All team members in procedure room wear N95 <sup>1,2</sup>	Wear Protective Eyewear	Wear Gown & Gloves
<b>Procedures and Surgeries (Minimal Aerosol Risk)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open or skin surface; Laparoscopic; Non-endoscopic surgery</li> <li>Consider venting pneumo-peritoneum through filter. Consider smoke evacuation Bovie pencils.</li> </ul>	Nursing and Surgeon Wear Surgical Face Mask and Leave Room During Intubation and Extubation	Anesthesia Team Wear N95	Wear Protective Eyewear	Wear Gown & Gloves

**Please conserve PPE when possible. Minimize people in ORs and procedure rooms for COVID+, PUI and other patients being treated with N95 protocols.**  
**Please use extended use, and re-use (orange bag) PPE protocols.**  
**Fabric and cloth masks do not count as PPE.**

## **1** Face mask/N95 usage:

Extended use for face masks/N95: One mask per shift. Change face mask with contamination with respiratory secretions, or obvious soiling or damage. Masks should always be worn covering nose & mouth. Used mask handled by ear loops ONLY. Never touch the front of the mask. Perform hand hygiene after handling used mask.

**2** PAPR masks: Are only indicated for caregivers for whom an N95 mask does not fit.

**3** Protective Eyewear: Reusable goggles or facemask preferable. Can be worn for extended period. Must be cleaned with disinfectant wipes with contamination/soiling and after each use.