

COVID-19 Drive Through Test Collection Site Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines 10/30/2020 1230

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Personal Protective Equipment by Role

PPE requirements in the drive thru test collection sites vary by role. Refer to [Donning and Doffing Guidance](#) for instructions.

Specimen Collector

- N95 respirator mask
- Face shield
- Isolation gown
- Gloves*

Specimen Swab Support

- Standard isolation mask
- Face shield
- Isolation gown
- Gloves*

Support Staff (able to maintain >6ft distancing from patients)

- Standard isolation mask
- Approved eye protection

*Double gloves are acceptable with or without glove liner and hand warmer. See double gloving guidelines.

Double Gloving Guidelines

Follow double gloving guidelines only during extreme cold weather when removing gloves and sanitizing hands would cause harm to the healthcare worker.

Steps for Safe Double Gloving

1. Perform hand hygiene.
2. Don inner gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown.
3. Don outer gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown.
4. Collect specimen.
5. Remove outer gloves.
6. Inspect the inner gloves for signs of damage or contamination.

- a. If inner gloves are damaged or contaminated, remove inner gloves, perform hand hygiene, and don new inner gloves.
7. Sanitize inner glove.
 - a. Allow sanitizer to dry before donning new outer gloves.
8. Don new outer gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown.

Double Gloving Safety Tips

- Discard inner gloves when:
 - Visible soiling or contamination with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other body fluids occurs.
 - Any signs of damage (e.g., holes, rips, tearing) or degradation are observed.
 - After 5 applications of sanitizer or maximum of four hours of continuous use.
- Do not re-don gloves as the risk of tearing and contamination increases.
- After removing gloves for any reason, hand hygiene should be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Resume single gloving when weather conditions would no longer cause harm to the healthcare worker.

Glove Liner Guidelines

Glove liners may be worn when double gloving alone is insufficient to protect healthcare workers' hands during extreme cold weather conditions.

Steps for Safe Use of Glove Liners

1. Perform hand hygiene.
2. Don glove liners.
3. Don inner gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown.
4. Don outer gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown.
5. Collect specimen.
6. Remove outer gloves.
7. Inspect the inner gloves for signs of damage or contamination.
 - a. If inner gloves are contaminated or integrity is compromised, remove gloves and glove liners, perform hand hygiene, and don new liner and new inner gloves.
8. Sanitize inner glove. Allow sanitizer to dry before donning clean outer gloves.
9. Don new outer gloves ensuring gloves extend over cuff of isolation gown

Glove Liner Safety Tips

- Glove liners must be laundered daily.
- Glove liners can be re-donned during the shift unless they are contaminated.
- Glove liners can be worn under exam gloves as long as needed unless they are contaminated.
- When glove liners are worn under single layer exam gloves, disinfect the gloves with hand sanitizer prior to doffing to minimize the risk of contamination to the glove liner during doffing.
- Hand warmers may be placed under the glove liner for additional warmth.