

SHGR PPE Coach Guidelines 11.20.2020 1634

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Key Points

PPE Coaches serve to educate and reinforce PPE donning and doffing techniques while team members are caring for COVID positive or suspected patients.

When possible, PPE coaches will be available in COVID care areas to answer questions, facilitate problem solving and monitor for safe practices ensuring all team members remain safe while caring for COVID patient populations. **PPE coaches can also be reached via Voalte**

PPE coaches will also assist approved visitors with donning and doffing technique.

How are team members trained in PPE donning and doffing?

All team members with the potential to care for COVID + or suspected patients are **encouraged to view the [Donning and Doffing N95](#) or [Donning and Doffing PAPR](#) video**. PPE coaches can provide in the moment donning and doffing training if a team member has been unable to review the training information or requests additional guidance. Team members are also encouraged to request 1:1 assistance during initial patient visits so donning and doffing procedures can be visualized by PPE coaches. After training in PPE donning and doffing techniques, team members may enter and exit COVID-19 rooms independently.

What training is required to be a PPE coach?

Individuals with the potential to serve in the role of PPE coach should watch both the [PAPR](#) and [N-95 Donning and Doffing](#) videos. In addition, time should be spent reviewing the resources located on the ["Clinical Resources"](#) section of the [COVID InSite](#) page.

Other important information:

PPE coaches may also assist in tasks that support the clinical needs of COVID patients within their scope as time permit (i.e. retrieving supplies for bedside team members; stocking rooms and isolation carts; PPE disinfection, isolation cart stocking; answering call lights from consoles)

Room Signage

All COVID rooms will have consistent signage to support team members. On the outside of the room a Severe Respiratory and donning guidance sign will be present. A sign to guide team members in doffing will be located inside the room.

Staffing and Scheduling:

COVID inpatient units are encouraged to use the following guidelines when determining PPE coach needs:

- **Non-ICU Primary COVID Units (with ≥ 3 COVID +/-PUI patients) including Adult, Woman's Health and HDVCH:**
 - 1-3 PPE coaches depending on patient volumes

- **ICU Primary COVID Units (with ≥ 2 COVID +/PUI patients) & SHGR Adult EDs:**
 - 1-4 PPE coaches depending on patient/ visitor volumes

- **Other (i.e. Non-ICU COVID Units with <3 COVID+/PUIs; ICU COVID Units with <2 COVID +/PUI patients; Non-COVID Units with Symptomatic Patients Awaiting Test Results; Procedural Areas, etc...):**
 - If applicable, contact COVID units within your facility to request presence of PPE coach for isolation initiation period and initial coaching.
 - Review online resources as needed
 - Provided peer to peer support
 - Consider transfer to primary COVID unit, if possible.

PPE coaches will be allocated following established practices within each care area (Hospital Supervisors may facilitate in some areas). Each care area that meets criteria to use a PPE coach is encouraged to identify a process to assign team member(s) to this role.