

COVID-19 Infection Control in the Home-PPE Use - SH Visiting Nurse Association 11/19/20 0716

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Standard Work Activity Sheet		Author: Kathy Michael; Sarah Booth, Doreen Marcinek	Rev. Date: 3/9/2020; 3/17/2020; 3/19/2020; 3/30/2020; 4/6/2020; 4/29/2020; 6/26/2020; 9/1/2020, 10/22/2020, 11/2/2020, 11/11/2020, 11/19/2020
Step	Purpose: COVID-19 Infection Control in the Home-PPE Use	Value Stream:	
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1.	<p>Prior to every visit, ask the patient the communicable disease questions. (COVID screening questions). Verify symptoms of <u>everyone</u> in the home.</p> <p>Educate patient and household members regarding COVID-19, infection control measures and safety habits.</p> <p>All patients (over the age of 2) and caregivers are to wear a mask during all home visits. If they do not have a mask, offer to give them a mask to keep and wear during visits. Instruct on how to store between visits.</p> <p>Limit of people in the room with the patient to one at the visit and request others to leave room.</p> <p>Caregiver are to use social distancing of 6 feet while at visit.</p> <p>Staff are expected to stay 6 feet away from caregiver and patient unless during</p>	<p>Best practice for employee safety and awareness</p> <p>Offer to have the patient go to a different room if needed to limit exposure.</p>	All clinical staff

	an assessment which requires close proximity.		
2.	<p><u>All visits</u> require use of PPE (including goggles or face shield and mask).</p> <p><u>If patient or family members are symptomatic</u> use appropriate PPE including standard isolation face mask, face shield (preferred) or goggles, and gloves and gown.</p>	Ask patient / family the best place to don and doff PPE if they have a good spot (as far away from patient/ill person as possible-closest to an outside door) outside if appropriate	
3.	<p>N-95 respirator or a PAPR is required to be used for all COVID-19 positive patients or in prolonged close contact with suspected cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>N-95 respirator or a PAPR must be used if aerosolized treatments are required during your visit, that would include nebulizer treatments, Cpap and BiPap, etc.</p>	<p>Staff may use a universal 3M 9205+ N95 with a proper seal check as a safe option until a fit test can be completed.</p> <p>Staff who cannot get a proper seal utilizing the seal check method may use a PAPR where available.</p>	
4.	If patient or other household members refuse to follow the recommendations, notify up-line for further directions and plan.	Employee safety	
5.	<p>Prior to or immediately upon entering the home, put on or don all appropriate PPE using current Spectrum Health Don and Doff information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform hand hygiene • Put on gown • Put on surgical mask <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If using N-95 respirator, perform seal check • Perform hand hygiene • Put on face shield or goggles • Perform hand hygiene • Put on gloves <p>Leave waste bag in safe location just inside the home in preparation for end of visit.</p>	<p>Isolation/surgical masks and goggles or face shield are to be used during visits that are not COVID + or COVID PUI related.</p> <p>All COVID PUI or COVID + Patients require N-95 or elastomeric respirators (PAPR) and goggles or face shield</p> <p>If leaving on all day, remove and discard masks after your shift.</p> <p>Goggles, face shields and PAPRs are to be sanitized and <u>are not disposable.</u></p> <p>**Mask/respirator and goggles/face shields should be put on prior to going into</p>	

		<p>the home (using appropriate infection control measures)</p> <p>***If using a mask with visor, staff must still use a shield or goggles for protection (not recommended for use at VNA)</p> <p>For Standard Isolation/surgical Mask or N-95 Respirator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When your mask or respirator is removed, place in a clean paper bag between patients. They should be kept in separate bags do limit cross contamination. Perform hand hygiene. Discard at end of your day 	
6.	<p>Remove or Doff PPE using appropriate method and disposes in waste bag (have waste bag prepped at beginning of visit prior to touching patient).</p> <p>Place non-reusable items in prepared garbage bag as you remove them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove gloves Perform hand hygiene Prep paper bag (s) by having them open Remove goggles/face shield* and cleanse with EPA approved disinfectant, place in brown paper bag Perform Hand hygiene Remove gown Perform hand hygiene Remove mask or respirator and place in a new paper bag for reuse (making sure not touching outside of paper bag) Perform hand hygiene Throw out used (non-reusable PPE) in a garbage bag and put in outside receptacle. If not available, request family to place bag in appropriate receptacle. Put bagged mask and shield into a bigger paper bag in car between visits. 	<p>Do not remove PPE in your car for your safety and appropriate infection control practices</p> <p>If no other option, place disposable PPE in waste bag and double bag in red isolation waste bag and return to the office. Keep bag in designated dirty part of your trunk and return to office as soon as possible.</p> <p>*Goggles or face shield are to be sanitized and reused, do not throw away.</p>	

7.	If obtaining a swab specimen to test for COVID 19, an isolation mask is acceptable with a shield. Refer to swabbing for COVID-19 standard of work		
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