

# COVID-19 PPE: Extended Use Isolation Gown

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"Extended use" refers to wearing PPE continuously without doffing between multiple patient interactions. The US FDA and CDC published guidelines for isolation gown conservation strategies. The following information does **not** apply to SUSPECT COVID-19 patients (or "PUIs"). Extended use for gowns should be used following these safety guidelines:

1. Wear between COVID-19 positive patient rooms in "Severe Respiratory Precautions" only.
2. If the isolation gown becomes contaminated with blood or body fluids, replace it.
3. Do not reuse an isolation gown. Upon doffing, all used isolation gowns should be disposed in the soiled linen cart.
4. Change gloves and sanitize hands between patients.
5. Do not wear isolation gowns in common areas (including: clean supply room, bathroom, break room, nurses' station, or charting areas, etc.).
6. Remove isolation gown and gloves when leaving the patient care unit.

