COVID-19 PPE Update: Face Shield Guidelines

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Face shield video link: www.vimeo.com/404347658/83242b2a81

- Face shields are an important piece of PPE in preventing the spread of COVID. Face shields are the preferred PPE for the care of COVID confirmed or COVID suspected patient.
- Due to concerns for transmission of COVID-19 by patients who may be asymptomatic, team members in hospital or clinic settings, caring for all patients, may wear face shields while at work.
- Face shields are distributed on units by charge nurses, or by designee in ambulatory clinics.

Use the following guidelines for face shield:

1. Face shields can be worn continuously and for multiple patient encounters
2. Do not touch the outside of your face shield or pull up over your head
3. When face shield is removed, perform hand hygiene and place shield safe storage area (example: paper bag, hooks, or paper box)
4. Label with your full name, date, and shift-time and primary unit (or title, if not applicable)
5. Perform hand hygiene when re-donning face shield
6. Disinfect face shields using standard cleaning process detailed here
7. Disinfect face shield using the UV process, detailed here
8. Discard face shield when difficult to see through, or visibly damaged