

# UVM Medical Center COVID Inpatient PPE Guidelines

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**COVID PPE Guide**

- Universal Masking Precautions: Surgical/Procedure mask, (ADD eye protection whenever patient or visitor cannot wear mask).
- Airborne & Contact Precautions: Fitted N95 and face shield (or PAPR) with gown and gloves
- When using Airborne Precautions, staff must conserve their N95 for the entire day and recycle at end of day.
- **Special Droplet & Contact Precautions:** Universal N95/Procedure Mask and face shield with gown and gloves

**COVID Specimen Collection:**

With COVID Symptoms: **Special Droplet & Contact Precautions**  
Without COVID Symptoms: Universal Masking Precautions, face shield, gloves

**Guiding Principles**

- COVID testing is **required** upon admission and prior to any procedure that involves instrumentation of the airway
- Change in community prevalence could lead to more rigid adherence to airborne precautions for aerosol generating procedures (AGP) in all patients regardless of test result.
- Universal masking of staff, patients and visitors is required.
- **Patient placement** is guided by test result. If test results unavailable **and** new COVID symptoms or high clinical suspicion is present, then place on COVID PUI unit and await results.
- Please refer to the Patient Placement Guidelines on SharePoint regarding cohorting patients

**Patient admitted from outside hospital, Emergency Department, or direct admit from outpatient clinic.**

**COVID order placed for Asymptomatic Non-PUI or Symptomatic PUI**



POSITIVE Result			NEGATIVE Result			UNKNOWN or PENDING Result		
Routine Care	AGP without airway instrumentation	Airway Instrumentation	Routine Care	AGP without airway instrumentation	Airway Instrumentation	Routine Care	AGP without airway instrumentation	Airway Instrumentation
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			If patient has high clinical suspicion for COVID or develops new COVID symptoms, consider sending repeat COVID test. Treat as a PUI and refer to "Unknown or Pending Result" column.			+COVID Symptoms/PUI: Special Droplet and Contact Precautions		
						+COVID Symptoms/PUI: Airborne & Contact Precautions		