



How to Care for your Eye Protection (Goggles or Face Shield)

Eye protection is now mandatory for all staff who have contact with patients when unable to maintain two meters of physical distance.



Prior to every patient interaction complete a point of care risk assessment

Eye Protection is mandatory for all patient interactions. For further information and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidelines please see your manager and policy IPC-2-16 - Management of Novel Respiratory Infections.

- For Point of Care interaction - determine if additional precautions (i.e. contact, droplet, airborne) are required in addition to Routine Practices;
- Follow routine practices to don the eye protection and other PPE for patient care in the proper order. Follow routine practices to doff PPE.

Other considerations:

- Take extra care when handling used eye protection as this is when self-contamination may occur;
- Do not touch the front of the eye protection, and if so, immediately perform hand hygiene;

- If the eye protection becomes damaged, it must be removed, disposed of and replaced. Otherwise use the eye protection for your shift;
- Appropriate products for cleaning eye protection include germicidal cloth wipes i.e. Oxivir or the Clorox AHP;
- Our current face shields cannot be reprocessed in MDRD due to the foam at the top of the shield. Please wipe down between patients and dispose of at the end of your shift.

Steps for Donning Eye Protection

1. Perform hand hygiene;
2. Put on eye protection without touching the inside of the eye protection;
3. Perform hand hygiene;
4. Keep hands away from face and do not touch the front of the eye protection.

Steps for Doffing and Cleaning Eye Protection

1. Perform hand hygiene;
2. Don gloves;
3. Remove Eye Protection;
4. Carefully wipe the inside of the eye protection using a germicidal wipe;
5. Carefully wipe the outside of the eye protection using a germicidal wipe;
6. Wipe the outside of the eye protection with clean water to remove residual;
7. Fully dry (air dry or use clean towels);
8. Place eye protection on a clean surface away from the patient care area with the inner side facing upward to avoid contamination. Alternatively place in a paper bag. Avoid touching the inside of the eye protection;
9. Label the surface area or paper bag with name, date and location;
10. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

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Steps for Donning Used Eye Protection

1. Perform hand hygiene;
2. Remove your previously cleaned eye protection from the clean surface or paper bag without touching the inside of the eye protection;
3. Put on eye protection without touching the inside of the eye protection;
4. Perform hand hygiene.

Guidelines for Reprocessing of Goggles

High Risk Areas (ED, ICU and 3A COVID Unit) and Areas of Unknown Risk (Renal Dialysis, Cancer Centre, Labour & Delivery, Diagnostic Imaging, and Outpatient Clinics):

- Eye protection is assigned to a staff person for the shift;
- Eye protection is cleaned by the user as per standards if removed;
- Eye protection can be stored on a paper towel or in a paper bag between uses;
- At end of shift eye protection is sent to MDRD for reprocessing.

All Other Clinical Areas:

- Eye protection is assigned to a staff person for their consecutive shift;
- Eye protection is cleaned by the user as per standards if removed;
- Eye protection can be stored on a paper towel (short term) or in a paper bag (between shifts) between uses;
- At end of consecutive shifts eye protection is sent to MDRD for reprocessing.

To have goggles reprocessed by MDRD:

- Once you have finished using the goggles, please place them inside the designated bins in your dirty utility rooms or designated locations on your unit;
- Stores will manage the replacement and pick up of goggles on your unit.