

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



Eye Protection is mandatory for **ALL** Workers to wear approved Eye Protection immediately upon entry until exit and at all times when not in a private office or space or eating in an approved break area at all TBRHSC sites (980 Oliver Road, 1040 Oliver Road, Munro Street locations, the Transitional Care Unit at Hogarth Riverview Manor, the Medical Building, the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, and the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic).

For further information and PPE Guidelines please see your manager and policy IPC-2-16 - Management of Novel Respiratory Infections.

- **Non-clinical areas:** Don Hospital provided eye shields, safety glasses or face shields OR personally owned eye protection that meet hospital standards.
- **Clinical Areas:** Don Hospital approved safety glasses or faces shield OR personally owned eye protection that meets Hospital standards.
- See pictograph provided by OHS for guidance on selection of personally owned eye protection.

Other considerations:

- For Point of Care interaction - determine if additional precautions (i.e. contact, droplet, airborne) are required in addition to Routine Practices. Should the nature of your work require a higher level of Eye Protection, you should complete a Risk Assessment and select Eye Protection appropriate for the task;
- Follow routine practices to don the goggles and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for patient care in the proper order. Follow routine practices to doff PPE.
- Similar to the process for procedure masks, you will don clean Eye Protection or clean/disinfect personally owned Eye Protection prior to leaving work - once you return to work for your next shift, you will use a new Eye Protection.
- 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.
- 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.
- Eye Shield removable visors cannot be reprocessed, however, the band can be. Please wipe down the visor and band between patients. At the end of you shift, remove and dispose of the visor, place the band in designated MDRD bin for reprocessing and don a new pair of eye shields to exit the building.
- Please note that protective Eye Protection may contain BPA; therefore, the product should not be placed in your mouth or ingested (i.e. Prop 65 warning due to the Bisphenol-A (BpA) content)

How to Care for your Eye Protection (Eye Shield, Safety Glasses or Face Shield)

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. Fully air dry;
7. Wipe the outside of the eye protection with clean water to remove residue;
8. Fully dry (air dry or use clean towel);
9. 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 goggles;
10. Label the surface area or paper bag with name, date and location;
11. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

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 goggles;
3. Perform hand hygiene;

Guidelines for Cleaning and Reprocessing of Eye Protection:

Clinical Areas:

- Eye protection is assigned to a staff person for their rotation.
- Eye protection is cleaned by the user daily and as needed (i.e. interaction with patients or their environment that is on additional precautions).
- Appropriate products or cleaning eye protection at TBHRSC include germicidal cloth wipes ie. Oxivir or the Clorox AHP
- Eye protection can be stored on a paper towel (short term) or in a paper bag (between shifts) between uses.
- At end of rotation eye protection is sent to MDRD for reprocessing.
- Don clean Eye Protection or clean/disinfect personally owned Eye Protection prior to leaving work - once you return to work for your next shift, you will use a new Eye Protection.
- If Hospital provided Eye Protection become dirty or soiled, you are encouraged to replace and not self-clean

Non-Clinical Areas:

- Eye protection is assigned to a staff person for their rotation.
- Eye protection is cleaned by the user daily and as needed
- Eye protection can be stored on a paper towel (short term) or in a paper bag (between shifts) between uses
- Appropriate products or cleaning eye protection at TBHRSC include germicidal cloth wipes ie. Oxivir or the Clorox AHP
- At end of shift eye protection is sent to MDRD for reprocessing.
- Don clean Eye Protection or clean/disinfect personally owned Eye Protection prior to leaving work - once you return to work for your next shift, you will use a new Eye Protection.

To have eye protection reprocessed by MDRD

- Once you have finished using the eye protection, place them inside the MDRD bins (brown or blue in color) or designated clear plastic tote with other items sent to MDRD for reprocessing/ cleaning. Bins are located in your dirty utility rooms or designated locations on your unit.
- Porters will remove the bins and deliver the goggles with all other items to MDRD.

