

COVID-19 Eye Protection Guide

All staff, professional staff, volunteers, learners and contractors are required to wear eye protection (as outlined below) at all times when not in a private office space or at a desk in a shared office space when 2 meters of distancing can be maintained OR while consuming food or beverage in a designated space 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). To ensure consistency in risk reduction please review the COVID-19 Eye Protection Guidance.

If you prefer to purchase your own Eye Protection, review with your Manager and if approved, ensure to follow the recommended guidelines provided below. Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions and ensure your eye protection fits properly.

Hospital Provided Eye Protection:

Options	Considerations in Selection	Acceptable Locations for Use
 <p>Face Shields</p>	<p>Full Face Shields cover the maximum area of the face to reduce exposure from splash, spray or droplets to both the eyes and face. Face shields are preferred choice for procedures with risk of blood or body fluid splash. Staff are strongly encouraged to don a face shield over top of their eye protection if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure.</p> <p>*Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions. Ensure your eye protection fits properly.</p> <p>*Recommended for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) • Clinical Settings
 <p>Safety Glasses</p>	<p>Safety Glasses primarily provide protection from impact i.e. flying objects, particles or dust. Safety glasses should be selected and fitted so that gaps between the edges of the device and the face are kept to a minimum. They must be CSA-approved or ANSI level D3. They must have a clear lens and the user should be able to see in all directions without any major obstructions. If you use them, be aware that there may be gaps close to your eyes between the glasses and your face. It is recommended to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure.</p> <p>*Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions. Ensure your eye protection fits properly.</p> <p>*Recommended for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) • Clinical Settings with the recommendation to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure.



Eye Shields

Eye shields may be used in low risk areas and should be fitted so that gaps between the edges of the device and the face are kept to a minimum.

- Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) only



Mask with Visor

Masks with visors are commonly used in healthcare settings however, the gap on the forehead area does not comply with the best practices for eye protection (i.e. snug forehead fit).

- *Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interaction. Ensure your eye protection fits properly.
- *Preferential supply will be for departments with existing allocations.

- Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based)
- Clinical Settings

Personally Owned Eye Protection:

Options	Considerations in Selection	Acceptable Locations for Use
 <p style="text-align: center;">Goggles</p>	<p>Goggles with a snug fit around the eyes provide the most reliable eye protection from splashes, sprays, and respiratory droplets. If you purchase your own goggles, ensure they are CSA approved, latex free, and able to be cleaned and disinfected as required.</p> <p>*Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions. Ensure your eye protection fits properly. *Recommended for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) • Clinical Settings
 <p style="text-align: center;">Affixed Side Shields</p>	<p>Affixed side shields should be selected to ensure adequate protection of the brow line and side eye. If you use them, be aware that there may be gaps close to your eyes between the glasses and your face. It is recommended to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure or caring for a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.</p> <p>*Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions. Ensure your eye protection fits properly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) • Clinical Setting with the recommendation to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure.
	<p>Personally owned eye protection, both prescription and non-prescription, should be selected to ensure adequate protection of the brow line and the side of eye. IF your personally owned eye protection does not fit snug around your eyes you should be aware that there may be gaps between the glasses and your face. It is recommended to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure or caring for a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.</p> <p>*Always perform a risk assessment for every client/patient interactions. Ensure your eye protection fits properly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Clinical Settings (e.g. office-based) • Clinical Setting with the recommendation to don a face shield if there is a potential for blood or body fluid exposure.