

# What Personal Protective Equipment to Use in your Community Practice

## Recommendations for Health Care Workers and Staff

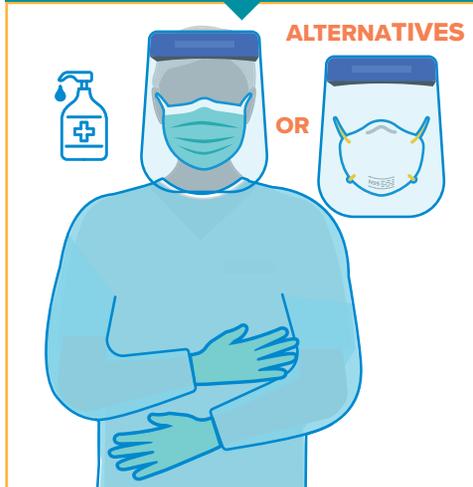
### Caring for patients who **screen negative for acute respiratory infections**



OPTIONAL

- wear PPE based on point of care risk assessment
- masking for source control is recommended during high risk periods

### Caring for patients who **screen positive for acute respiratory infections** (except measles)



ALTERNATIVES

OR

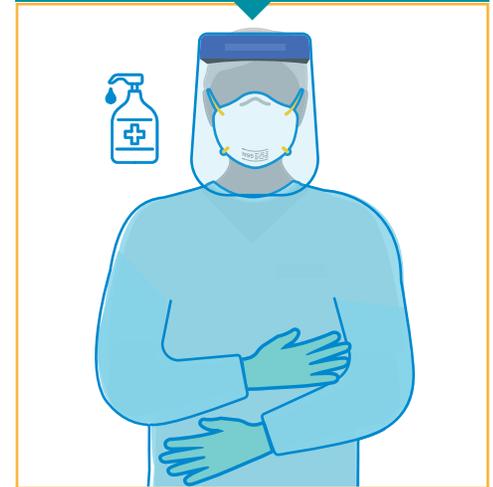
- medical mask (well-fitted) or N95 respirator (fit-tested, seal checked)
- eye protection
- gloves
- gown

### Entering the room or caring for patients with **suspected or confirmed measles\***



- N95 respirator (fit-tested, seal checked)
  - OPTIONAL: use eye protection, gloves and gown based on a point of care risk assessment\*\*
  - airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) or single room (if AIIR not available) with door closed
- AND
- ensure you have documented immunity to measles (2 doses of MMR vaccine or laboratory evidence)

### Performing an **aerosol-generating procedure** for patient with respiratory illness



- N95 respirator (fit-tested, seal-checked)
- eye protection
- gloves
- gown
- AIIR or single room (if AIIR not available) with door closed

\* Suspected measles patients include those with fever and maculopapular rash, starting on the face and spreading head to toe. In particular, patients with signs and symptoms should be suspected cases if they are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or immunocompromized and there is recent travel, known contact with a case, or they reside in an area with recent cases.

\*\* In most cases, gloves or gowns are not needed, but should be available if there is the potential for contact with blood or bodily fluids, broken skin or use of disinfectants/chemicals. If gloves are worn per point of care risk assessment, remove and dispose of immediately following the procedure and perform hand hygiene. When gloves are worn, they must be changed for each procedure.

**Public Health Ontario resources:**

[PHO's Risk Algorithm to Guide PPE Use.](#)

[Interim IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19.](#)

[Interim IPAC Recommendations and Use of PPE for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed Measles.](#)

[Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Immunization Clinics \(publichealthontario.ca\)](#)

[Measles: Information for Health Care Providers.](#)