

COVID-19 guidance for HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

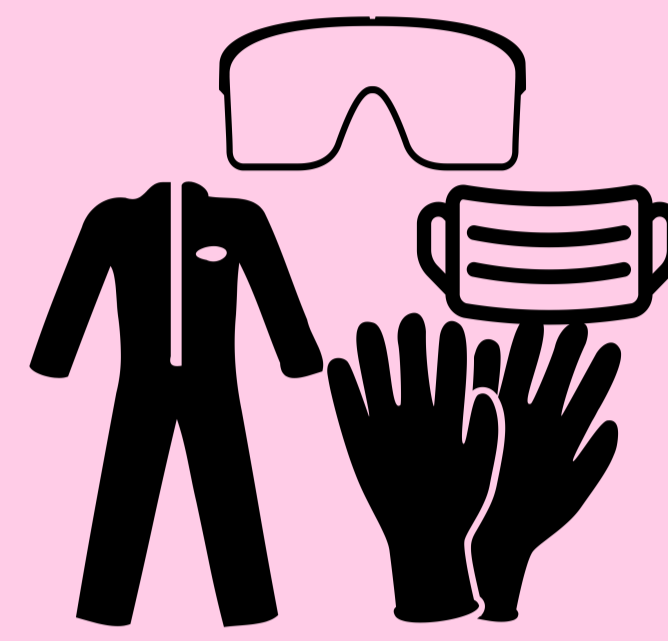
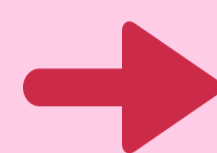
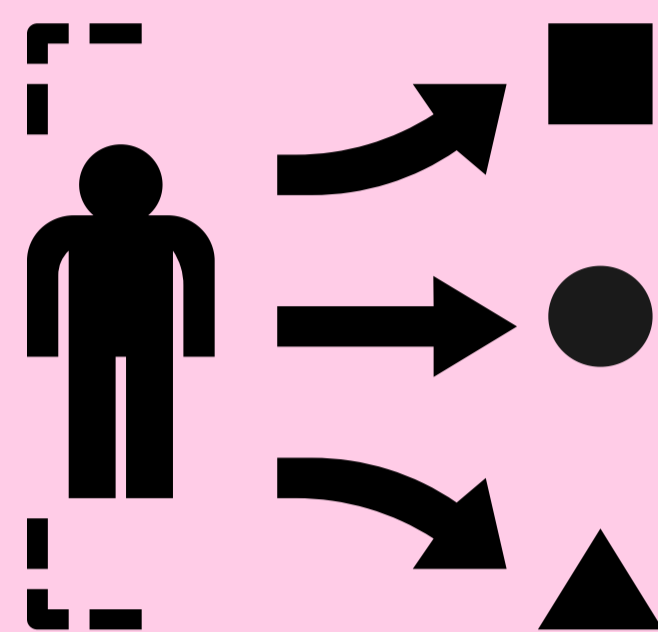
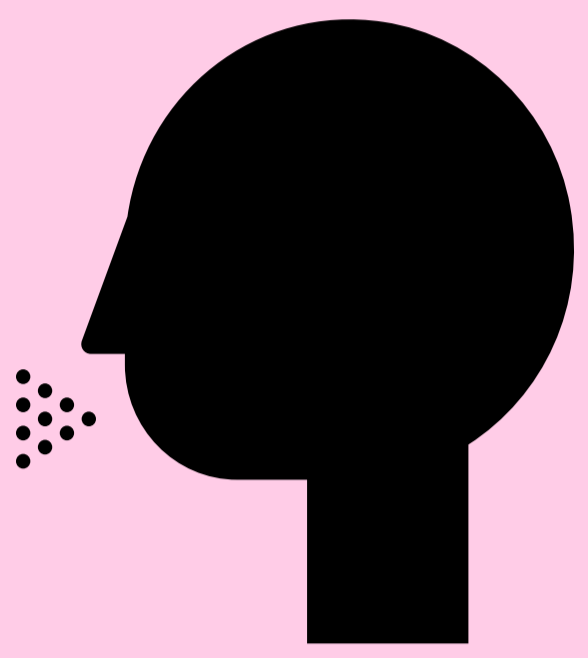
when caring for suspected or confirmed patients

Purpose

This information is intended to **help healthcare providers reduce the risk for SARS-CoV-2** transmission, especially with regards to resuscitation care. Please note that guidance may vary based on location.



Key considerations



Determine whether procedure is **aerosol generating** or not

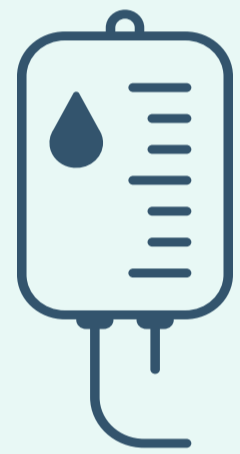
Determine appropriate location for patient

Perform proper hand hygiene **BEFORE** and **AFTER** encounter

Properly don and doff personal protective equipment (PPE)

Clean and disinfect room after procedure

Non aerosol-generating procedures



Intravenous injections

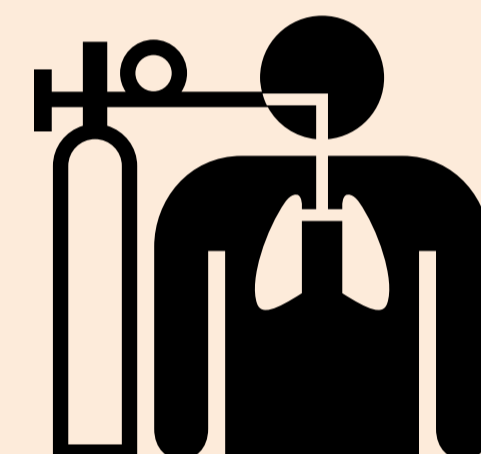


Nasopharyngeal swabs

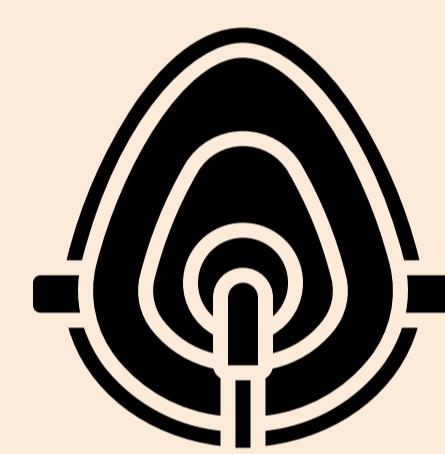


Drawing bloodwork

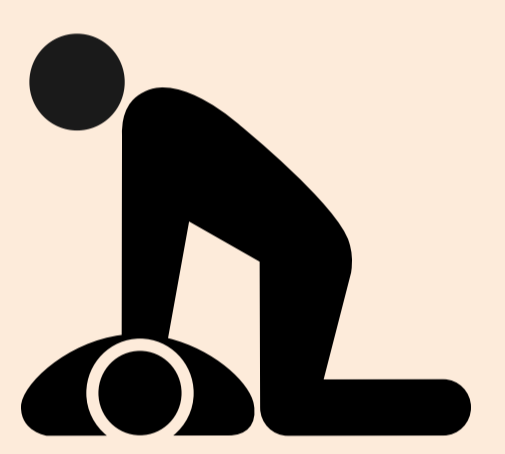
Aerosol-generating procedures



Endotracheal Intubation



Non-invasive ventilation



CPR

Additional considerations for aerosol-generating procedures



Perform in Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIRs)



Try to limit the number of providers in AIIRs

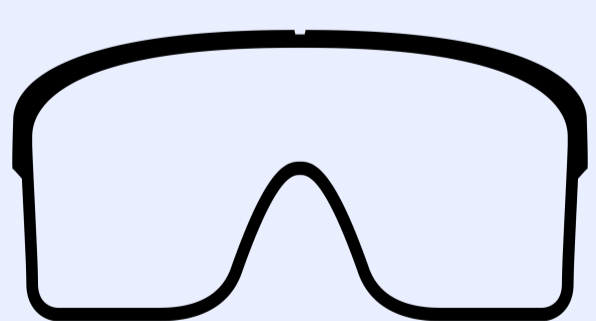


Consider proceeding directly to intubation in patients with acute respiratory failure. High-flow nasal oxygenation and CPAP/BiPAP should be avoided



However, avoid RSIs where PPE recommendations cannot be followed

Personal protective equipment



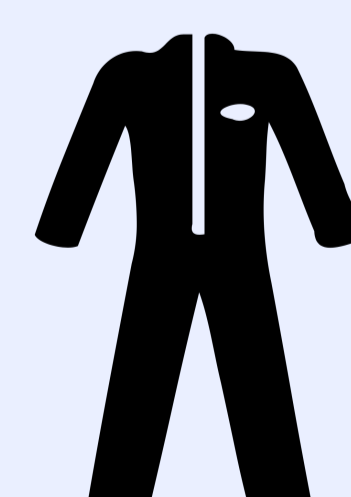
Eye protection

Put on eye protection (goggles or a disposable face shield) upon entry to the patient care area



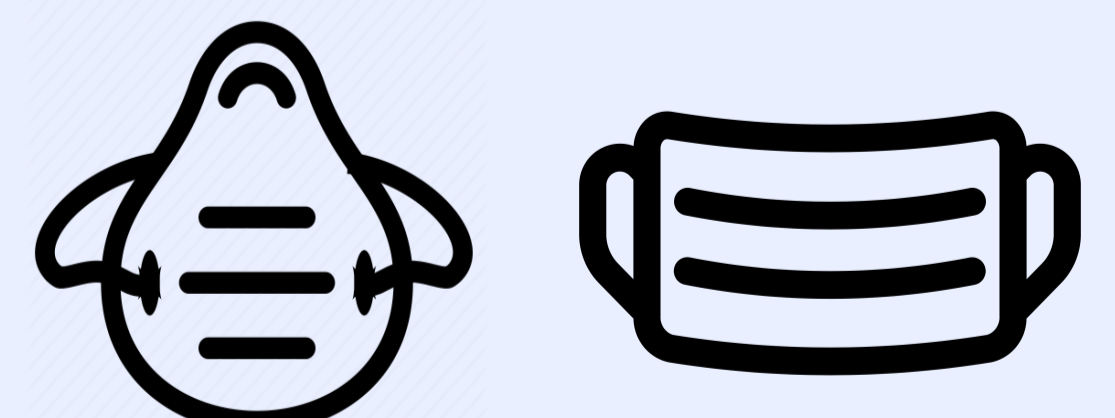
Gloves

Remove and discard gloves when leaving the patient care area, and immediately perform hand hygiene



Gowns

Prioritise for **aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs)** if in short supply



Respirators or Facemasks

Use only N95 respirators for **Aerosol-generating procedures**

For non AGPs, facemasks may be used if respirators not available