What PPE should I use?
Caring for a COVID (or rule-out COVID) patient

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<td>Interviewing a patient with acute respiratory illness.</td>
<td>Mask the patient.</td>
<td>None if &gt; 6 feet away. If within 6 feet, minimum is mask with half face shield(^3) or mask with safety glasses.</td>
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<td>Obtaining a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab.</td>
<td>Ask the patient to cover his/her mouth with tissue while you obtain the NP swab.</td>
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<td>Routine patient care.</td>
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<td>Aerosolizing procedure (intubation/extubation, CPR, nebulizers, HFNO, BIPAP/CPAP).</td>
<td>Intubation preferred over non-invasive ventilation for source control.</td>
<td>N95 respirator with full face shield(^1) (preferred), or PAPR(^2). Gloves. Gown.</td>
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When should I wear N95 vs. PAPR?

I have been fit-tested within the past 1-2 years.
This differs from our usual practice due to supply chain constraints.

N95
1: N95 with full face shield

PAPR
2: PAPR (hood may vary)

I have failed a fit-test OR adequate eye protection for the N95 is not available.

3: Mask with half face shield

Additional information

- While we have halted our usual fit-testing process to conserve N95s, our current supply of N95s is greater than our supply of PAPR hoods. Please use N95s whenever possible.
- To conserve supply, PAPR hoods must be disinfected, then reused by the same caregiver for the same patient for each shift.
- Once PAPR hoods are no longer available, N95s with face shields should be used. If you typically wear a PAPR due to facial hair, we recommend shaving and getting fit-tested.
- Based on availability you may need to use our current N95 model (1870+) or an older model (1870). They are nearly identical, but you should use the model(s) you have been fit-tested for. If you were fit-tested within the past 1-2 years and have not had any major changes to your facial structure (e.g., significant weight loss/gain), it remains safe to use. Your manager can run a report in Learning Space to see which model you were last fit-tested for.
- Fit-testing will be prioritized for those units who will potentially be receiving COVID patients, using supplies from the Delaware state stockpile. (These are an older model so new fit-testing may be required.)