



## **Interim Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) While Caring for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

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On March 10, 2020, CDC updated personal protective equipment (PPE) recommendations for the care of patients with known or suspected COVID-19. Based on availability of PPE supplies, face masks are an acceptable alternative to respirators (e.g., N95).

Current PPE recommendations include the use of:

- Gown
- Gloves
- Face mask OR respirator (e.g., N95)
- Eye protection (e.g., goggles or face shield)

Patient placement:

- Private room with the door closed

IF conducting an aerosol-generating procedure (e.g., intubation), then a respirator (e.g., N95) should be worn (not a facemask) and the procedure should be conducted in a negative pressure room (e.g., Airborne Infection Isolation Room).

For Additional Information:

Please see *CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings* located here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

Specific information related to the transmission-based precautions that should be implemented and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) can be found in Section 2 '*Adhere to Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions*', Section 4 '*Take Precautions When Performing Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGPs)*', and Section 5 '*Collection of Diagnostic Respiratory Specimens*'.

Specific information related to appropriate patient placement can be found in Section 3 '*Patient Placement*'.