



## Eye Protection Policy

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This document outlines the Mount Sinai Health System policy on the addition of eye protection in the inpatient and ambulatory settings. This policy aims to minimize inadvertent unprotected exposures in the setting of decreased prevalence of COVID-19 in New York.

In both inpatient and ambulatory settings, all healthcare workers with direct patient contact must wear eye protection in addition to the surgical mask.

- Appropriate eye protection includes face shields, safety glasses, or goggles, (eye glasses are not sufficient).
- Non-durable face shields and safety glasses can be used for the duration of the shift and then discarded.
- Face shields, goggles, or safety glasses should be disinfected between patients if contaminated or visibly soiled or after doffing.
- Durable face shields, goggles, and safety glasses can be re-used for multiple shifts and must be disinfected if contaminated or soiled or after doffing and prior to storage for the next shift or use.
- For instructions on how to disinfect any reusable PPE, please check:  
<https://www.mountsinai.org/files/MSHealth/Assets/HS/About/Coronavirus/MSHS-COVID-19-PPE-Practices.pdf>

References:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-faq.html>

NOTE: This policy is subject to change based upon updated information from the CDC, NYS Department of Health, and other sources.