



Appropriate Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Mount Sinai Health System policy on the wearing of PPE is as follows:

Setting		Activity	Type of Mask
Inpatient, including Emergency Department*			
Patient/Procedure Room	Any		Surgical mask; eye protection
	Performing an aseptic procedure		Surgical mask and eye protection
	Providing usual care for People Under Investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 patients (Special Droplet precautions)		N-95 Respirator with eye protection (, gowns, gloves
	Performing aerosol-generating procedures (AGP)(e.g., tracheal intubation, non-invasive ventilation, tracheostomy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, bronchoscopy)		N-95 respirator with eye protection , gowns, gloves
Laboratory	Working in Mycobacteriology Lab		N-95 respirator with eye protection
	Working in the lab or working with respiratory samples		Surgical mask (with eye protection if risk of splash)
Administrative Areas	Administrative tasks that do not involve contact with patients		Surgical mask
Urgent Care		Any	Surgical mask and eye protection
	Providing usual care for People Under Investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 patients (Special Droplet precautions)		N-95 Respirator with eye protection, gowns, gloves
	Collecting specimens		Surgical mask with eye protection (attached or separate face shield/goggles) unless N-95 indicated
All Testing Sites		Any	Surgical mask and eye protection
	Providing usual care for People Under Investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 patients (Special Droplet precautions)		N-95 Respirator with eye protection,, gowns, gloves
	Collecting specimens		Surgical mask with eye protection (attached or separate face shield/goggles) unless N-95 indicated
Ambulatory facilities, not covered by the above			
Triage	Screening of patients		Surgical mask and eye protection
	Providing usual care for People Under Investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 patients (Special Droplet precautions)		N-95 Respirator with eye protection (, gowns, gloves



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	Disinfection between patients	Surgical mask, gloves; unless after AGP, wait for 30 minutes from the completion of the AGP or N-95 respirator if done immediately
Consultation Room	Examination of patients with <u>NO</u> respiratory symptoms	Surgical mask and eye protection
	Disinfection between patients	Surgical mask, gloves; unless after AGP, wait for 30 minutes from the completion of the AGP or N-95 respirator if disinfecting immediately
Administrative Areas	Administrative tasks that do not involve contact with patients	Surgical mask

**Usual Care: includes direct care as well as cleaning of the patient room and delivering meals