

COVID-19 Webinar for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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Question

Do ambulatory care settings have to have a respiratory fit program?

OSHA website:

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/>

OSHA Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respiratory Protection Standard:

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/3384small-entity-for-respiratory-protection-standard-rev.pdf>

Question

We are having to reuse our N95 mask, and are now concerned about a gown shortage. Do you have any guidance on how/ what we can do to maintain safety?

FDA Medical Gowns (provides overview of gowns that may be helpful)

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-infection-control/medical-gowns>

FDA Surgical Mask and Gown Conservation Strategies - Letter to Health Care Providers

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/surgical-mask-and-gown-conservation-strategies-letter-health-care-providers>

CDC Strategies for Optimizing PPE: Isolation Gowns

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/isolation-gowns.html>

Question

Do the OR's and pre-op/PACU bays need to be terminally cleaned after every patient, including ceilings and walls?

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings Item number 10

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Finfection-control%2Fcontrol-recommendations.html#infection_control

Question

Can you review guidance on how long an exam room must be “shut down” after caring for a COVID-19 patient? What if we obtained a specimen for COVID testing? How will this impact our ability to see patients?

Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19 Q: How long does an examination room have to remain vacant after being occupied by a patient with confirmed or suspected COVID-19?

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

Table B.1. Air changes/hour (ACH) and time required for airborne-contaminant removal by efficiency *

ACH § ¶	Time (mins.) required for removal 99% efficiency	Time (mins.) required for removal 99.9% efficiency
2	138	207
4	69	104
6*	46	69
8	35	52
10*	28	41
12*	23	35
15*	18	28
20	14	21
50	6	8

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html#tableb1>

Question

Do you have to wash your bedding in chlorine bleach or can you wash it with a nonchlorine bleach detergent?

EPA List of Disinfectants

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

Question

Do you recommend the use of HEPA filters or UV lighting to increase the number of air exchanges per hour in an operating room?

ASHE Filtration Section

<https://www.ashe.org/covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

Question

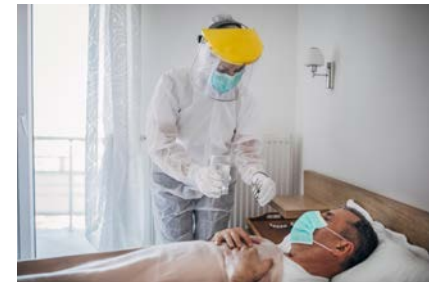
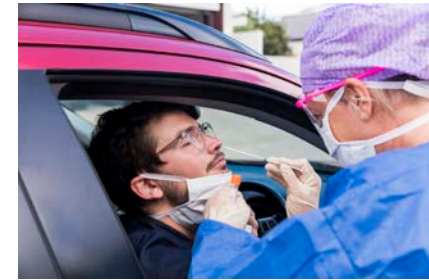
How do you foresee precautions in office-based surgical centers to change in the post-COVID-19 world? Do you see any changes?

Webinars: Preventing Coronavirus Transmission in Ambulatory Surgery Centers <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/webinars/coronavirus-webinar-replays/preventing-coronavirus-transmission-in-ambulatory-surgery-centers/>

Preventing Coronavirus Transmission in Ambulatory Health Care Settings <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/webinars/coronavirus-webinar-replays/preventing-coronavirus-transmission-in-ambulatory-health-care-settings/>

Thank You

We support your efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and hope to provide helpful resources



Resources

- COVID Resources

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/>

- Standards Interpretation

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/>