COVID-19 Webinar for Hospital Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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PPE Concerns

Need for PPE
- Patient care activities
- Aerosol generating procedures
- Additional users of PPE

Limited Resources
- Dwindling stock
- Limited supplies/suppliers
The rate of supply use depends on multiple factors including:

- Number of patients
- Number of staff
- Processes organizations put in place to conserve supplies
- Increases in production and distribution

CDC: PPE Optimization Strategy

Pre-Submitted Questions

Are staff members allowed to wear the same PPE between COVID positive patients?

Assessed Risk = Resources Needed

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* Additional PPE as required by Standard and Transmission based Precautions

# Types of Air-Purifying Respirators

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<td>Filtering Facepiece Respirator (N95 or higher mask)</td>
<td>Disposable&lt;br&gt;Covers nose and mouth&lt;br&gt;Filters air particles&lt;br&gt;Fit testing required</td>
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<td>Elastomeric Half/Full Facepiece Respirator</td>
<td>Reusable device&lt;br&gt;Requires cartridges or filter&lt;br&gt;Requires fit testing&lt;br&gt;May be disinfected&lt;br&gt;Full provides eye protection</td>
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<td>Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR)</td>
<td>Reusable device&lt;br&gt;Battery operated&lt;br&gt;Provides eye protection&lt;br&gt;Loose-fitting (no fit testing)&lt;br&gt;Tight-fitting (requires fit testing)</td>
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[https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/images/infographics/FY17N95infographicWhatAre.jpg](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/images/infographics/FY17N95infographicWhatAre.jpg)
Room Turnover

- Considerations
  - Size of room
  - Number of ACH (air changes per hour)
  - Length of time patient was in room
  - Patient coughing/sneezing
  - Patient wearing face covering
  - Aerosol generating procedure
  - PPE used


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https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html#tableb1
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Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?

Accredited organizations can learn more by visiting Resources and Tools > Tools > Learn More in their Joint Commission Connect® extranet site.
COVID-19 Resources

What Your Organization Needs to Know About the Coronavirus

Trusted Guidance. Trusted Resources.

View resources
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/