

Mask and Eye/Face Protection for Patient/Resident/Client with Suspect or Confirmed Novel A H1N1 Influenza

Surgical/Procedure

- Are worn properly by all healthcare workers when within one to two metres of patient/resident/client who is coughing and for procedures that may result in coughing and splashing.



NOTE: Mask must not be worn dangling around the neck.

- Are worn once.
- Are changed when:
 - Wet
 - Front of mask has been touched and/or
 - Contaminated with patient/resident/client secretions
- Are removed in a manner preventing contamination.
- Are removed after leaving room/cubicle of patient/resident/client on Additional precautions.



Eye/Face Protection (Goggles, glasses, or faceshields)

- Are worn when within two metres of a coughing patient/resident/client with symptoms of a respiratory infection, and for procedures that may result in coughing, splatter, and or aerosols.
- Are worn when situation requires use of Procedure/Surgical Mask and N95 Respirator.
- Are removed in a manner preventing contamination. Refer to removal of Personal Protective Equipment as per WRHA Infection and Prevention Control Manual.
- If reusable, the eye/face protection must be cleaned and disinfected after use as per facility processes. **NOTE: Personal eyewear is not acceptable for eye protection.**



N95 Respirator Mask

- An N95 Respirator mask must be used when aerosol generating procedures are performed as outlined by MHHL Guidelines:
 - The patient/resident/client is coughing forcefully and is unwilling or unable to comply with respiratory hygiene practices.
- Health care workers are fit tested prior to using N95 respirator masks.
- Are seal checked prior to each use.
- Are worn once.
- Are changed when:
 - Wet
 - Front of the mask has been touched and/or
 - Contaminated with patient/resident/client secretions
- Are removed in a manner preventing contamination and after leaving room/cubicle of patient/resident/client on Additional Precautions.
- If you must don an N95 particulate respirator in an emergency situation, and you have not been fit tested, use the seal check method to ensure fit and protection. Ensure you inform your supervisor about the need for fit testing.

