

SOUTHCOAST HEALTH PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDANCE: SCVNA Home Health

What PPE do I need to care for the patient in front of me?	Face Mask (surgical or procedural)	N95 Mask	Goggles/Face Shield	Gloves	Isolation Gown
	Maximum use 4 hours or 5 visits Discard if soiled or damaged.	Inspect for integrity and seal check fit prior to use, (up to 5 uses).	Clean after use. Clear visor may be replaced if damaged.	Discard after each encounter	Discard after each encounter
Clinical caregivers seeing patients without any signs or symptoms of respiratory illness	Wear face mask		Wear face shield or goggles	Use standard precautions	
Clinical caregivers seeing patients with any signs or symptoms of respiratory illness (including COVID-19) or patient under investigation or isolation ¹ for a positive COVID-19 test		Wear N95 Mask	Wear face shield or goggles	Wear gloves	Wear gown
Clinical caregivers obtaining nasopharyngeal (NP) or nasal (NS) swab		Wear N95 Mask	Wear face shield or goggles	Wear gloves	Wear gown
Caregiver seeing a patient who requires an aerosol generating procedure		Wear N95 Mask	Wear face shield or goggles	Wear gloves	Wear gown
Office staff and clinical staff entering the office	Wear face mask				

1. Patients **symptomatic at time of testing** should remain in isolation precautions until symptom-based strategy met (fever free x 72 hours without fever reducing medication, symptoms improved, and 10 days since symptom onset). Patients **asymptomatic at time of testing** should remain in isolation precautions until 7 days have passed since the date of their first positive test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

NOTE: All patients are expected to wear a cloth face covering or a facemask. A face mask is preferred for patients with respiratory signs or symptoms or patients under isolation¹ for a positive COVID-19 test. Exceptions include young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Other exceptions must be approved by a Clinical Manager.