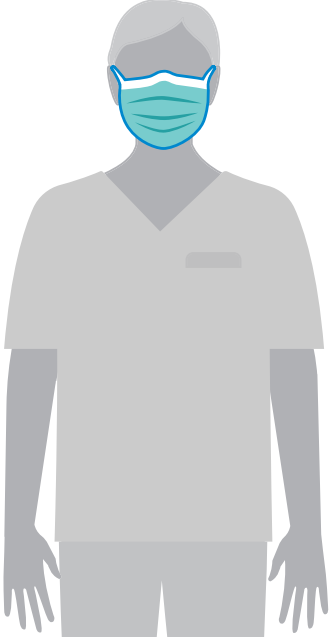

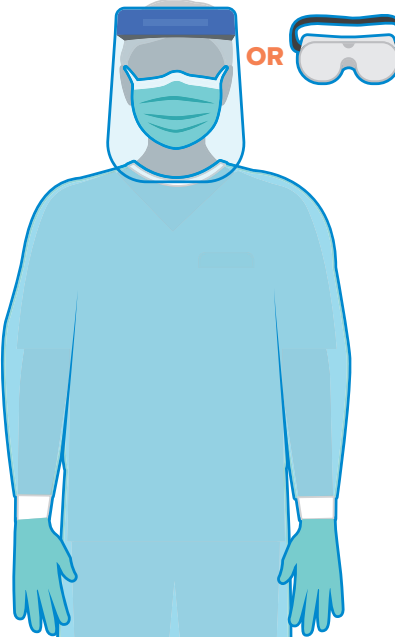



# What Personal Protective Equipment to Use in your Community Practice

## COVID-19 Recommendations for Health Care Workers and Staff

In all patient care areas	Caring for or within 2m of patients who screen negative for COVID-19	Caring for or within 2m of patients who screen positive for COVID-19	Performing an aerosol-generating procedure
In non-patient care areas within 2m of others		Screening patients without a plexiglass barrier	
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• surgical / procedure mask</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• surgical / procedure mask</li> <li>• eye protection optional, but strongly suggested</li> <li>• gloves in select instances when giving vaccines*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• surgical / procedure mask</li> <li>• eye protection</li> <li>• gloves</li> <li>• gown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N95 respirator</li> <li>• eye protection</li> <li>• gloves</li> <li>• gown</li> <li>• airborne infection isolation room or room with a closed door</li> </ul>

\* Gloves should be considered when administering vaccines as per the Canadian Immunization Guide. In most cases gloves do not need to be worn except when: the skin on the vaccine provider's hands is not intact; administering intranasal or oral vaccines due to the increased likelihood of coming into contact with a patient's mucous membranes and body fluids; and/or administering Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine.

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