

**COVID-19 PPE Recommendations and Guidance for VASDHS Staff Tasks  
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**Important:** Please note the following information is subject to change per CDC guidance. VASDHS staff will be notified should a change occur.

Task Description	Recommended PPE
<p><b>High Risk Procedures<sup>a</sup> such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasopharyngeal swabbing</li> <li>• Intubation</li> <li>• Extubation</li> <li>• Bronchoscopy</li> <li>• Nebulizer Therapy<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Sputum Induction<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Autopsy</li> <li>• Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ N95 with Face Shield or CAPR</li> <li>✓ Gown</li> <li>✓ Gloves</li> </ul>
<p><b>Patient Care Procedures such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triage (Secondary Screening)</li> <li>• X-Ray or CT Scans</li> <li>• Patient Consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Surgical mask</li> <li>✓ Face shield</li> <li>✓ Gown</li> <li>✓ Gloves</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brief Close Contact (&lt;6 ft for 3 min) such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Screening with Temperature Reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Surgical mask</li> <li>✓ Face shield</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brief Contact (6 feet for &lt; 3 min) such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in at clinic desk</li> <li>• Primary Screening w/o Temperature Reading</li> </ul>	<p>No PPE Required</p>
<p>No contact with patient and entry into patient room after discharge (i.e. EMS)</p>	<p>Administrative controls PPE per SOP</p>
<p>Walking by COVID+ patient where <u>no direct</u> contact with patient or their secretions or excretions and <u>no entry</u> into the patient room.</p>	<p>No PPE Required</p>

**Footnote:**

a) High risk procedures are defined by CDC as a procedure likely to generate higher concentrations of respiratory secretions or aerosols and where a higher level of PPE is desired.

b) Procedures are not recommended per CDC guidance.