

PRACTICE ALERT

Appropriate use of Procedure Masks and N95 Respirators

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SITE(S): VCHA

SITUATION / BACKGROUND:

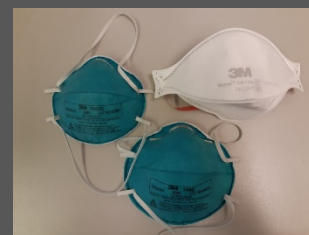
With the recent 2019 novel coronavirus, there is opportunity to review appropriate facial protection and indications for use of the various masks available to protect staff.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

To ensure availability of the appropriate masks when required, the table below outlines the indications for procedure masks and N95 respirators. All staff should use the specific mask as indicated below, based on the infection control precaution needs of the patient.



PROCEDURE MASK & EYE PROTECTION should be used:



N95 RESPIRATOR should be used:

Droplet Precautions

- Meningococcal disease, invasive, in blood, CSF or pneumonia
- Mumps
- Mycoplasma pneumonia
- Pertussis
- Rubella

Droplet and Contact Precautions

- **2019 Novel Coronavirus**
- Burkholderia cepacia, respiratory specimen in patients with CF
- Influenza A or B and RSV on regular inpatient units
- MRSA in sputum with respiratory symptoms
- Necrotizing fasciitis
- Streptococcus Group A (GAS), invasive
- in high risk units such as BMT, ICU, BTHA, Solid Organ Transplant, Thoracics may follow internal protocols

Airborne Precautions

Including:

- Measles (Rubeola)
- TB: Pulmonary

Airborne and Contact and Airborne and Contact Plus Droplet

Including:

- Chickenpox
- Shingles (disseminated or localized in immunocompromised host)
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

During Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures AGMPs)

ICU's- follow usual protocols

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Refer to [the VCH Infection Prevent and Control webpage](#), [VCH Novel Coronavirus Update webpage](#), your local Professional Practice Department and your local Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner.