

Coffee with Infection Prevention & Control Questions & Answers on AGMP

1. What is the proper procedure to clean workspaces? Are there specific products for certain surfaces?

Multi-use offices should be cleaned before and after each use. Workspaces (i.e. telephone, keyboard, desk, etc.) should be cleaned and disinfected daily with disinfectant wipes. More information is available at <https://my.vch.ca/covid19/tools> including:

[Cleaning & Disinfecting Workspaces](#) - poster

[Cleaning & Disinfecting Workspaces](#) - video

2. Should an N95 be used to perform a high risk AGMP with a post-COVID patient (recently discharged from hospital)?

It depends on many factors - how long has the patient been post-COVID? What was the criteria used to designate them post-COVID? When were they swabbed? 10 days, 14 days, etc. Our recommendation is to contact Infection Prevention & Control to review details on the patient and determine whether or not N95 required. If AGMP is emergent use [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#). When in doubt use N95.

3. Why does the airborne poster not show eye protection in the pictures?

There is a difference between airborne precautions and airborne contact precautions. Airborne precautions do not require eye protection. For example when you have a patient with respiratory TB and you are worried they may transmit TB you do not require a gown or eye protection to treat the patient. The risk is really for transmission through aerosol droplets alone.

Regarding COVID the risk is around AGMPs for aerosol transmission but also from droplet and contact transmission which is the predominant way this virus is spread. So for COVID it is airborne, droplet, and contact. Hence the difference.

4. Can you clarify is a N95 needed for Tracheostomy care? Pneumostats and pleuraxes in community clinics?

No a N95 is not needed. If you have questions use the [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#).

5. I have shared an office with my colleague and we are not able to consistently physically distance in office. Do we need to stop sharing?

This is a public health question. If physical distancing cannot be consistently maintained the Public Health Agency of Canada recommends employees wear a non-medical mask or face covering. In addition, reinforce the importance of frequent hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

6. Can a face shield be cleaned and re-used?

Yes, as long as you clean and disinfect each time it is removed. If it is visibly soiled after cleaning and disinfecting do not re-use. Remember – if in doubt – throw it out.