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PPE Update – CMOH Directive #4 for Paramedics

This document includes additional information regarding the PPE guidance for Paramedics and supports the [memorandum](#) released on April 1, 2022, titled *PPE Update – CMOH Directive #4 for Paramedics*.

This directive states that gowns are no longer mandatory for patients who pass the point of care risk assessment (PCRA) and no aerosol-generating medical procedures (AGMPs) are anticipated/required.

Q1. If the patient fails the PCRA or AGMPs are anticipated/required, what level of PPE is required?

A1. Paramedics must wear an N95 or APR mask, goggles or face shield, gown and gloves.

Q2. If the patient passes the PCRA and no AGMPs are anticipated/required, what level of PPE is required?

A2. Paramedics must wear an N95 or APR mask, goggles or face shield, and gloves. Gowns are no longer required in these circumstances.

Q3. Should the patient/family be reverse isolated (i.e., asked to wear a mask)?

A3. All patients should be reverse isolated, unless medically contraindicated or not tolerated. Family/bystanders who are unmasked upon Paramedic arrival should be asked to wear a mask or maintain sufficient spacing. If a family member must be transported with a patient (e.g., parent or translator) they are required to wear a surgical mask.

Q4. What PPE is required when in hospitals?

A4. Paramedics must wear an N95 mask and goggles/face shield while inside any hospital patient care area (e.g., ED – including the ED waiting room, offload delay area, patient treatment ward/floor, etc.). A surgical mask (minimum) must be worn when passing through hospital common areas outside of the ED or patient care areas (e.g., food courts, etc.).

PPE Decision Tree:

