

How to take Precautions with PPE

Use these techniques and approaches to help keep colleagues and work environments safe and reduce the spread of infection among patients, clients or residents.



Pay attention to your **tone of voice** and **body language** when using infection control measures. Your **appearance might be scary to others**. **Smile, introduce yourself** and **use the person's name** to address them.

Have a plan and act quickly to identify, monitor & manage the spread of infection.

PATIENT CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Always consult with IP&C before grouping infected patients, clients or residents to stop the spread of infection.
- ✓ Keep ill patients, clients or residents in their room. If it is difficult to have them stay in their rooms, keep them six-feet from others and encourage mask-wearing.
- ✓ Serve meals in the room with appropriate monitoring.
- ✓ Provide activities for patients, clients or residents and interact regularly to prevent boredom or restlessness.
- ✓ Be creative about engaging patients, clients or residents while maintaining safe distancing from others.

STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Keep Isolation rooms close to each other.
- ✓ Assign dedicated health-care workers to affected units/wings.
- ✓ Staff assist with P/R/C hand hygiene

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently. Especially high-touch surfaces. Use disinfectant approved by IP&C.
- ✓ Move clean PPE out of reach and place garbage where patients, clients or residents are less likely to touch it.
- ✓ Use technology wherever possible for virtual visits from family and friends.

