

# Long-Term Care

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# COVID-19 Definitions

**COVID-19 Positive patients**, residents or clients are those who have been tested and have a positive test result and who have not been deemed “recovered” by Public Health or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).

**COVID-19 Suspect patients**, Residents and/or Clients are those who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing AND who have been swabbed AND whose test result is pending.

**COVID-19 Non-Suspect patients**, residents or clients are those who do not meet the criteria for testing and/or those who have been tested and their results are negative and/or those who have been tested and their results are positive but they have been deemed “recovered” by Public Health, or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).

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# PPE – Long-Term Care

| Areas Included                                                                                                                      | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Type of PPE for COVID-19 Non-Suspect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Type of PPE for COVID-19 Positive and COVID-19 Suspect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Personal Care Homes</b><br><br><b>Supportive Housing</b><br><br><b>Residential Care Group Homes</b><br><br><b>Health Centres</b> | <p>Direct Resident Care</p> <p>Includes care and support that requires close resident encounter (e.g. dietary, OT, PT)</p> <p>For supportive housing environments, includes providing direct support to the resident where social distancing (6 feet, 2 meters) is not possible</p> | <p>Extended use of <b>same mask</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients for <b>maximum of one complete shift</b>:</p> <p><b>Change mask if</b> it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled</p> <p>Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p>Gloves are not required for every patient interaction. Gloves should only be applied as per routine practices (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling)</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per routine practices (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring additional precautions</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves</p> | <p>Extended use of <b>same mask, eye protection without removal</b> for repeated interactions with multiple patients for <b>maximum of one complete shift</b></p> <p><b>Change mask</b> if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled</p> <p>Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.</p> <p><b>Gowns</b> are to be used as per routine practices (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) AND in situations requiring additional precautions AND with COVID-19 positive and/or suspect residents. Extended use of gowns between COVID-19 positive residents.</p> <p>With COVID-19 Suspect patients/residents <b>Gloves</b> must be applied and changed per Routine Practices and Additional Precautions</p> <p>With COVID-19 Positive patients/residents, extend use of same gloves, changing only after direct patient contact and/or if soiled or damaged</p> <p>Hand Hygiene before/after donning/doffing gloves or contact with patient or patient environment without gloves</p> |
|                                                                                                                                     | Aerosol-generating medical procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>As per Shared Health Recommendations for intubation and other Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>As per Shared Health Recommendations for intubation and other Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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