**Personal Protective Equipment for WakeMed Home Health**

Clinician to complete order in EPIC for MD signature for Home Health Isolation Precautions:

1. COVID-19 positive or PUI patient **without** aerosolizing procedure: Droplet + Contact + Eye protection
2. COVID-19 positive or PUI patient **with** aerosolizing procedure: Airborne isolation with full barrier precautions.

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Prior to visit and/or upon arrival, alert persons within the home that public health personnel will be entering the home and ask them to move to a different room, if possible, or keep a 6-foot distance in the same room. Enter only once the entry area is clear.

Perform Hand Hygiene before putting on and after removing PPE (donning/doffing) using alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60-95% alcohol.

Donning PPE equipment:
- Ideally, put PPE on outside of the home.
- If unable to put all PPE on outside the home, put mask and eye protections on before entering the home.
- Then enter the home and put on gown and gloves.
- Utilize Home Health PP Skills Checklist per Lippincott for steps to put on PPE.

Ensure use of procedure mask or a N95 respirator

N95 respirator, PAPR, or CAPR if:

Patient positive for COVID-19 or PUI with an aerosolizing procedure. These may include:
- First time teaching self-administration of a nebulizer treatment
- Patient receiving BiPAP
- Trached patient using a Trilogy vent
- Patient with large amounts of respiratory secretions/coughing on staff

COVID-19 positive/PUI/Rule outs without an aerosolizing procedure—staff will use procedure masks as well as other PPE—gown, gloves, goggles, shoe coverings and cap.

Doffing
Remove PPE outside of the home and discard by placing in external trash can before departing (ideal).
- If gown and gloves must be removed in the home, ask persons within the home to move to a different room, if possible, or keep a 6-foot distance in the same room. Once the entry area is clear, remove gown and gloves and exit the home. Mask and eye protection should be removed after exiting the home.
- Perform hand hygiene.
- PPE should not be taken from the home of the person being tested and transported in public health personnel’s vehicle.

Once outside the home, perform hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60 to 95% alcohol, remove face protection and discard PPE by placing in external trash can before departing location. Perform hand hygiene again.