What Personal Protective Equipment to Use in your Community Practice

COVID-19 Recommendations for Health Care Workers and Staff

- surgical / procedure mask
- eye protection optional, but strongly suggested
- gloves in select instances when giving vaccines*

In all patient care areas

In non-patient care areas within 2m of others

Caring for or within 2m of patients who screen negative for COVID-19

- surgical / procedure mask
- eye protection
- gloves
- gown

Caring for or within 2m of patients who screen positive for COVID-19

- surgical / procedure mask
- eye protection
- gloves
- gown

Performing an aerosol-generating procedure

- N95 respirator
- eye protection
- gloves
- gown
- airborne infection isolation room or room with a closed door

* Gloves should be considered when administering vaccines as per the Canadian Immunization Guide. In most cases gloves do not need to be worn except when the skin on the vaccine provider’s hands is not intact; administering intranasal or oral vaccines due to the increased likelihood of coming into contact with a patient’s mucous membranes and body fluids; and/or administering Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine.