

## **Face Shield Recommendations**

Face shields are to be used to protect the face and the isolation mask or N95 mask of a healthcare worker during the care of a pending/positive COVID-19 patient. **The following recommendations are effective Monday, March 30:**

### When to use:

- Face shields should be used while conducting patient care activities that may induce a cough or splash. This will protect the eyes and mask of the healthcare worker.
  - Face shields may be re-used.
  - One face shield may be used by more than one person and must be cleaned after each use. (see cleaning guidelines below)

### Where to obtain:

- Face shields have already been distributed to select areas including:
  - ICUs
  - Obstetrics
  - Procedural areas (e.g. GI Endoscopy, Bronchoscopy, Interventional IR)
  - COVID-19 Cluster Units
  - Lab Specimen areas
- If you have a pending/positive COVID patient admitted to an area not on the above list, please contact:
  - Campus Command Center who will coordinate with infection prevention and storeroom
  - If after Campus Command Center hours, contact nursing supervisor

### Cleaning instructions:

- The recommended cleaning process for the reuse of face shields is is:
  - Use PDI purple Sani-Wipes
  - Don (apply) gloves and then:
    - Using the disinfectant wipe, wipe the **inside** of the full-face shield
    - Using the same disinfectant wipe, wipe the **outside** of the full-face shield
  - Wait two minutes to allow to dry
  - Place in a clean bin
  - Doff (remove) gloves
  - Perform Hand Hygiene

### Face shield storage and replacement

Once face shield is clean and dry, store in a clean bin. The face shield should be replaced if it is damaged (e.g., face shield can no longer fasten securely to the provider; if visibility is obscured; or if disinfectant does not restore visibility)