

**PPE Protocol for an outbreak in a location where a person(s) is/are not able to self-isolate.**

- All staff will wear full PPE (Gowns, Mask, and face shield,) for the duration of the shift.
- All staff will don gloves when providing personal care, cleaning, or doing laundry ensuring that proper [hand hygiene](#) is complete prior to donning gloves and again after doffing gloves as well as regularly throughout their shift
- There will be an area designated for staff to don and doff their PPE at the beginning and end of their shift.
- There will be PPE stations set up outside of the bedroom / washroom area(s). The PPE stations will include clean cotton gowns, disposable gowns, face shields, gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, and a garbage can with a foot pedal for disposal of used PPE. All clean / new PPE is located in a tote with a lid to ensure someone walking by does not contaminate it.
- The outside of the tote is to be considered a high touch area and will be disinfected as such throughout the shift according the enhanced disinfecting that is happening.
- Staff will need to be cautious not to block hallways or create tripping hazards and keep a clear path to all fire exits.

**Donning PPE:**

- Perform hand hygiene
- Don on a level 1 gown
- Don a medical mask.
- Don a face shield
- Don gloves. Ensure that the gown is tucked into the wrist of the glove.

**Doffing PPE:**

- Doff gloves and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Doff face shield and placed in the tote provided
- Doff disposable gown and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Doff medical mask and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom area, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Don new medical mask
- Disinfect the face shield and tote with bleach and water mixture, dry and don face shield
- Perform hand hygiene
- Don new PPE

**Disinfecting:**

- Use a disinfectant cleaner or Bleach/Water mixture following the manufacturer instructions and reference the SDS sheet.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces (bed side tables, bed frames, other bedroom furniture, light switches, door knobs) according to schedule outlined in D-3 Monthly program task checklist.
- Disinfectant wipes are located at all PPE stations and should be used to wipe surfaces when staff observe surfaces to become contaminated.
- Staff will disinfect all shared washrooms after every use. All other washrooms will be disinfected four (4) times daily as per the enhanced cleaning checklist.

**Monitoring of person(s) in isolation:**

- All supported people in isolation will spend as much time as they can tolerate in their bedroom.
- All supported people will eat their meals in their bedroom; meals will not be served at the dining room table.
- When supported people do come into the common area(s) of the home they must remain 2 meters (6 Feet) apart from their roommates and staff.
- Staff will not invite supported people who are in self-isolation to spend time together.
- The fridge will be kept locked so shared items are not touched.
- Each supported person will have their temperature taken twice daily (and at any other time if they look / show signs of being unwell) and it will be documented in a clinical on AIMS.

**The supported person(s) in isolation and his/her roommates:**

- Will be offered to wear a mask (if they can tolerate it)

**Laundry:**

Using proper PPE (gown, medical mask, face shield, gloves as outlined above) gather up the supported person's laundry and place into a bag for easy transfer to the laundry room. Clean clothes, bed linens, and bath and hand towels using laundry soap hot water, and dry thoroughly.

**Dishes:**

Using gloves place the dishes in the dishwasher. Immediately remove gloves once dishes have been put in the machine and perform proper hand hygiene. Don clean gloves and disinfect all surfaces that may have been touched including doorknobs, the counter and the front of the dishwasher.

**If a staff member believes, they have COVID-19**

- Contact the COVID 19 Command Post email, your manager and the HR Department Immediately
- Use the self assessment tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0>
- Seek Medical attention to confirm that it is COVID-19