

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 Eye protection,) 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, eye protection (Glasses and Face shields), gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer, and a garbage can with a foot peddle 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 to keep a clear path to all fire exits.

Donning PPE:

- Perform hand hygiene
- Put on gown(s):
 - Yellow gowns are to be worn over top of a cloth gown for the duration of the shift for people who do not require any assistance with personal care.
 - Disposable Level One gowns are to be worn when assisting people who are positive or suspected of being positive of Covid-19, with personal care including shower or bath.
- Put on a medical mask.
- Put on Eye Protection. Face shields are to be worn when working within 6 feet (2 meters) of an infected person.
- Put on gloves. Ensure that the gown is tucked into the wrist of the glove.

Doffing PPE:

- Remove gloves and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the supported person's bedroom / washroom area, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Remove eye protection (do not throw out; goggles / glasses should be placed in the paper bag provided, face shields should be placed in the tote provided).
- Remove disposable gown and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the supported person's bedroom / washroom area, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid. Remove cotton gown and place in designated "contaminated laundry" bin.
- Remove medical mask and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the supported person's bedroom / washroom area, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Don new PPE
- Disinfect eye protection and tote
- Doff PPE
- Perform hand hygiene

- Don new PPE

Disinfecting:

- Use a disinfectant cleaner or Bleach/Water mixture following the manufacture 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 re-usable homemade mask (if they can tolerate it)

Laundry:

Using proper PPE (gown, medical mask, eye protection, 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 regular laundry soap and water or machine wash in hot water with common laundry detergent, 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