

PPE Safety Coach Community of Practice (CoP) Summary February 17, 2022

At the PPE Safety Coach CoP, knowledge and experience sharing amongst coaches is welcomed and encouraged. Coaches come together from across the province to discuss and learn from the experiences of others with the same professional interest.

This document summarizes key learnings shared with the coaches to help support the coaching process. Coaches are encouraged to review the key learnings (takeaways) from the sessions if they are unable to attend.

Topic	Summary	
Topic: Joint Statement: COVID-19 and Personal Protective Equipment	<p>Joint statement issued: Dec 22, 2021</p> <p>This update is intended to provide interim early guidance as the Omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to circulate in Canada and may need further revision as more is learned.</p>	<p>Key learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended All HCWs who enter a COVID-19 patient room wear an N95 • A unit, based on the frequency of exposure to COVID patients may implement the continual use of N95 respirators • HCW perform a Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) including their assessment of all known and foreseeable risks and hazards. Based on their PCRA they may select a medical mask instead of an N95 respirator. • AGMPs require the use of an N95 for viral respiratory infections • In continuing care facilities based on the CMOH order an N95 or a KN95 may be used based on supply. • EMS will wear N95 respirators
Topic: PPE Safety Coach Role Play Scenarios	<p>A Provincial PPE Safety Coach role played two coaching scenarios</p>	<p>Key Learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coaching use a friendly, informal, and helpful approach • Providing a rationale and referencing AHS resources – like the Personal Protective Equipment FAQ • Coaching can be challenging but we should always try to create a supportive relationship with our co-workers and visitors. If dealing with negative behaviors, we can remind the staff or visitor that we are there to help them to protect themselves, others, and patients. If negative behavior persists, please reach out to your immediate supervisor/manager
Topic: Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)	<p>To be performed prior to contact with every patient.</p>	<p>Key learnings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing task, patient, and environment. • New PCRA question: Is this a suspect or confirmed COVID-19 patient?
Topic: Resources	<p>Update Resources: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) COVID-19</p>	

PPE Questions	<p>If you have any PPE fit concerns, contact your site's Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Advisor.</p> <p>If you have PPE supply questions or ordering concerns, contact your site's Contract Procurement & Supply Management (CPSM) Lead.</p> <p>If you have general questions about PPE in Alberta, contact the PPE Task Force: ppe@ahs.ca</p> <p>If you have questions about the Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program, contact us at ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca</p>
Next CoP	(March date TBD)