

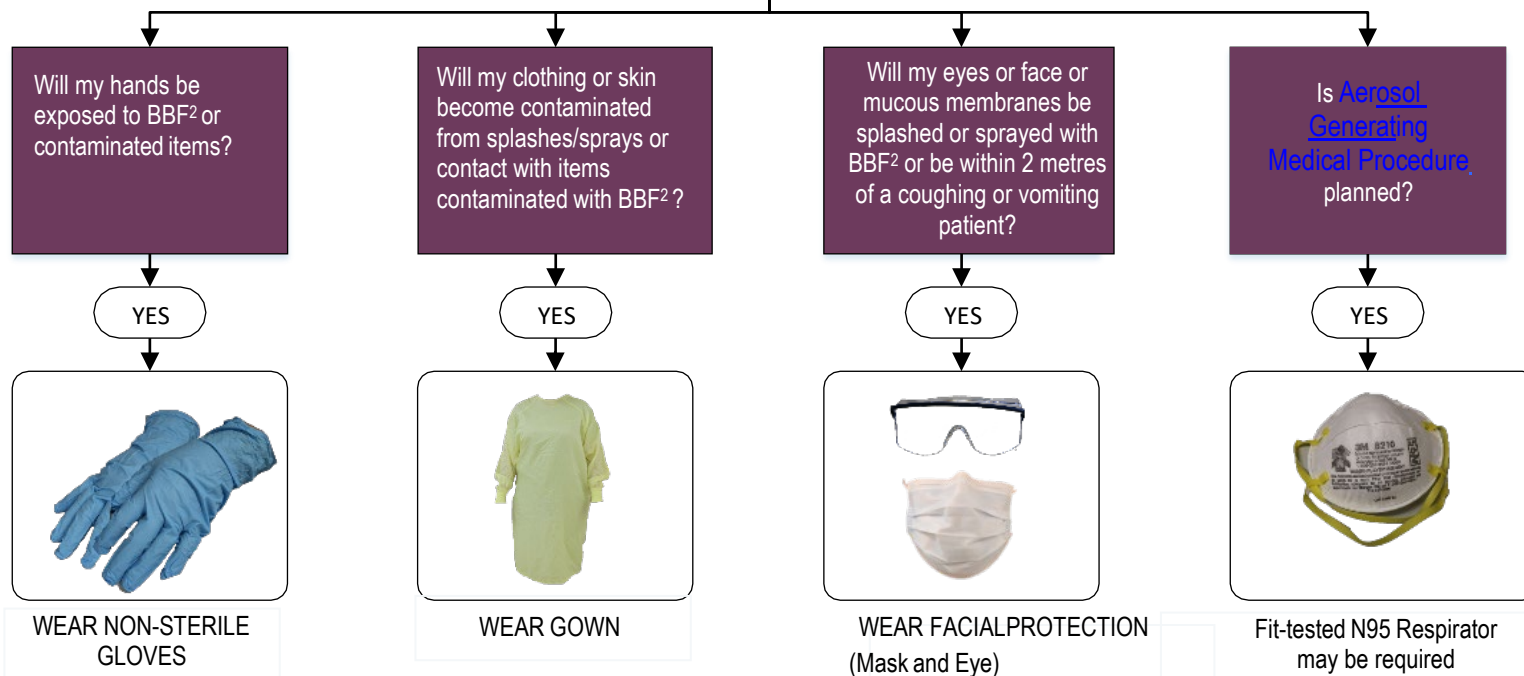
Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment (IPC RA) for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Selection

ASSESS the TASK, the PATIENT and the ENVIRONMENT¹ Prior to EACH INTERACTION

- Performing an IPCRA is the first step in routine practices.
- [Routine Practices](#) are to be used with all patients for all care and all interactions.
- This will help you decide what PPE (if any) you need to protect yourself and to prevent the spread of germs.
- If the patient has been placed on Additional Precautions, follow PPE as indicated AND assess as more or different PPE may be required based on the IPC RA.

Additional information on current PPE requirements, such as continuous masking and eye protection, can be found at: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17048.aspx>

An IPCRA is to be performed prior to contact with every patient, every time, even if the patient has been placed on **Additional Precautions**, as more PPE may be required.



NOTES

¹**Environment** = Any area within 2 metres of the patient, their belongings, and their bathroom

²**BBF** = Blood and Body Fluids (includes: urine, feces, wound drainage, saliva, vomit, CSF, sputum, nasal secretions, semen, vaginal secretions)

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Refer to [PPE Checklist](#)
for correct order for putting on and removing PPE and hand hygiene