

# GW MFA Ambulatory Personal Protective Equipment Requirements

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		Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	
		Patient	Provider and Staff
Ambulatory Visit	Patient care areas or staff areas where 6 feet of distance is unable to be maintained in the healthcare facility	Face covering or surgical face mask	Surgical face mask <b>AND</b> eye protection *required in DC; recommended in Md. and Va.
	Standard patient encounter	Face covering or surgical face mask	Surgical face mask <b>AND</b> eye protection *required in DC; recommended in Md. And Va.
	Examination, diagnostic test, procedure where <b>close proximity to head/neck region for &gt;5 minutes expected</b>	Face covering or surgical face mask (except if need to lower mask for medical reasons)	Surgical face mask <b>AND</b> eye protection <b>OR</b> N95, eye protection, gown and gloves based on the exam, test or procedure specifics, and if patient will need to lower face covering
	Examination, diagnostic test, procedure where <b>exposure to secretions expected OR aerosolization expected</b>	Face covering or surgical face mask (except if need to lower mask for medical reasons)	N95, eye protection, gown and gloves
	Examination, diagnostic test, procedure with a patient who is COVID-19+ or under investigation (including performing COVID-19 testing)	Face covering or surgical face mask (except if need to lower mask for medical reasons)	N95, eye protection, gown and gloves

Protective equipment is available in your clinic building or through your clinic manager. To ensure that we have a sufficient supply of PPE both now and in the future, please continue to be good stewards of these resources.

- Surgical masks – Can be re-worn and replaced when either soiled or deformed, or as frequently as daily
- Eye protection – HCP must wear eye protection (i.e. goggles or face shields) in: 1) patient care areas and 2) any staff areas where 6 feet of distance is unable to be maintained, while in the healthcare facility or any alternative setting where patient care services are provided. Safety glasses are not recommended as adequate.
- N95 masks – Can be re-worn up to 5 times and replaced when either soiled or deformed, or as frequently as daily. When not using your N95 mask between patients, store the mask in your clean, DAILY brown paper bag with your name on it:
  - Perform hand hygiene
  - Remove the mask without touching the front
  - Place into your DAILY brown paper bag with the front down
  - Perform hand hygiene again

Note: if performing nebulization procedure and/or airway manipulation, do not reuse your N95 mask but discard it