



TITLE	Appropriate Gown Use for Contact with Patients		
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PURPOSE:

Gowns should be utilized if contact precautions are in place AND close contact is anticipated, e.g. toileting, dressing changes, procedures, physical examination, turning, etc.

Gown supplies are limited and stock of particular gowns is expected to fluctuate almost daily. Prioritization of gown use for COVID-19 positive patients or PUI for COVID-19 should follow the below policy/protocol.

POLICY/PROTOCOL:

1. If heavy patient contact is anticipated (bathing a patient, close patient contact for procedures, etc.) gown use would be prioritized as follows:
 - a. Fluid resistant or impervious washable gown should be used if available.
 - i. Gown should be used for single use and then doffed into an appropriate receptacle for washing.
 - b. Fluid resistant or fluid impervious single use disposable gown or smock: use if washable versions are not available.
 - i. Doff and dispose of gown after single use.
 - c. Non fluid resistant washable gown (such as patient bathrobe or patient gown) could be used as a covering.
 - i. Gown should be used for single use and then doffed into an appropriate receptacle for washing.
2. If only light patient contact is anticipated (brief physical exam, medication administration, etc.) gown use would be prioritized as follows:
 - a. Non fluid resistant washable gown (such as patient bathrobe or patient gown) could be used as a covering.
 - i. Gown should be used for single use and then doffed into an appropriate receptacle for washing.
3. If no direct patient contact is anticipated (handing off meal tray, entering patient room to answer a question or briefly discuss test results, etc.)
 - a. No gown is required and distancing procedures should be adhered to as much as possible.
 - b. Eye protection and mask use is still required.
4. Extended gown use for cohorted patients – the same gown can be worn when caring for patients **known** to be infected with the same infectious disease and who are cohorted or in the same isolated area.

NOTES:**OTHER POLICIES/PROTOCOLS TO REFERENCE:**

PPE Comprehensive Guidelines

Equipment and Room Cleaning Guidelines

SCOPE:

We anticipate these adjustments to be temporary and reserve the right to revise or discontinue these adjustments with or without notice depending on the current understanding and/or business needs of Bozeman Health relating to COVID-19.