

VA Intraoperative PPE Recommendations

Patient	Procedure	Intubation/Extubation PPE Recommendations	Intraoperative PPE Recommendations	Breaks
High Risk	High Risk	COVID precautions PPE	COVID precautions PPE	AVOID staff change if <3 hr procedure If >3 hr procedure: doff outer layer in OR (outer gloves, gown, boot covers and, if applicable, Stryker hood and helmet); doff outer later outside OR
High Risk	Low Risk	COVID precautions PPE	COVID precautions PPE	AVOID staff change if <3 hr procedure If >3 hr procedure: doff outer layer in OR (outer gloves, gown, boot covers and, if applicable, Stryker hood and helmet); doff outer later outside OR
Low Risk	High Risk	High Risk PPE	High Risk PPE	AVOID staff change if <3 hr procedure If >3 hr procedure: doff outer layer in OR (outer gloves, gown, boot covers and, if applicable, Stryker hood and helmet); doff inner layer outside OR
Low Risk	Low Risk	Standard operating protocol (may choose High Risk PPE)	Standard operating protocol (may choose High Risk PPE)	Standard operating room turnover

Definitions:

1. COVID precautions PPE:

- re-used N95
- goggles
- Stryker hood and helmet
OR
- PAPR with double shrouded hood
AND
- yellow gown
- surgical gown
- double gloves
- boot covers

2. High Risk PPE:

- re-use N95 with surgical mask
- goggles or face shield
OR
- PAPR with double shrouded hood
AND
- double gloves
- yellow gown

Definitions continued:

3. Standard operating protocol:

- surgical mask
- goggles or face shield
- gloves
- yellow gown

4. High Risk Patient: Confirmed with COVID-19+ or PUI (Person Under Investigation)

5. Low Risk Patient: Asymptomatic patient or COVID-19 negative test in last 72 hours

6. High Risk Procedure: Procedures resulting in a high risk of aerosolization from the upper airways

- Intubation and extubation
- Bronchoscopy, laryngoscopy, and tracheostomy
- Head & Neck (ENT and Dental) mucosal surgeries, including any using cautery/laser/drill/saw within airway/oral cavity
- GI upper endoscopy
- Transesophageal echocardiogram
- Certain thoracic surgeries (those surgeries requiring lung isolation, tracheal resection/tracheostomy, pulmonary resection)

7. Low Risk Procedure: Procedures known/suspected to be associated with a low or negligible risk of infection transmission, i.e. non-aerosol generating procedures of aero-digestive tract or other procedures