

## Pembroke Regional Hospital

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**To: All Staff and Physicians**  
**From: Infection Control and OHS**  
**Date: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Subject: Outbreak Units- PPE Requirements**

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In consultation with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, PRH has adjusted the PPE requirements for staff and physicians working on units experiencing COVID-19 outbreak. These changes are aligned with other acute care facilities within our region. Effective immediately, universal N95 and eye protection is no longer required on outbreak units. Instead, the following guidelines will apply for **COVID-19 outbreak units**:

1. Universal masking with a procedure/ surgical mask is required at all times.
2. Staff and physicians will be required to wear a fit –tested and seal checked N95 respirator when providing care to patients who are suspect or confirmed COVID-19 and according to posted additional precautions signage (Droplet, Contact + N95 and Airborne Precautions). After providing care, staff and physicians may choose to remove their N95 respirator and don a clean surgical/ procedure mask or continue to wear the N95 respirator for universal masking.
3. PRH approved eye protection is required for **all** direct patient interactions.

Any mask removed after providing care must be discarded and hand hygiene performed accordingly. A new mask must be applied right away.

If eye protection is removed after providing patient care, it must be cleaned using hospital grade disinfectant and stored properly.

As always, staff and physicians are reminded to complete a point of care risk assessment prior to each patient interaction and select any additional PPE that may be required.