

Clinical Brief #28 | COVID-19

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INFORMATION FOR ALL CLINICIANS

Clinical leaders are providing frequent updates to all clinicians in an effort to keep you current about AdventHealth's response to COVID-19. The following topics are included in this brief:

- **Visitation for Patients Under the Age of 18**
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Conservation Strategies**
- **Clarification on High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)**
- **Florida Only: Emergency Use Authorization for Investigational Remdesivir**

Visitation for Patients Under the Age of 18

Visitor restrictions support infection prevention and keep our patients, caregivers and facilities safe during a national pandemic precaution period. Restrictions apply to acute care, outpatient clinic and ambulatory settings.

The systemwide [Visitation Guidelines COVID-19 Pandemic Respiratory Virus](#) will be updated to include the following:

- Patients under the age of 18, regardless of COVID-19 status, may have two adult visitors at the same time per day.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Conservation Strategies

Current PPE supply levels and COVID-19 community burden allow us to **stop the reprocessing of N95 respirators**. We will continue to closely monitor supply on hand and disease burden, adjusting strategies as needed.

Please continue to adhere to the following conservation strategies:

- **All PPE (face masks, respirators, eye protection, gowns) should still be:**
 - Checked out/in from central locations in each facility
 - Extended use
 - Wear same face mask, respirator, eye protection and gown for repeated close contact with several different patients without removing between patients
 - Reused

- Wear same face mask, respirator, eye protection and gown for multiple patients, removing after each encounter
- **Face masks should still be:**
 - Removed from public access and kept in a secured and monitored location
 - Regulated
 - One mask per day, unless visibly soiled or difficult to breathe through
- **N95 respirator should still be:**
 - Regulated
 - One respirator per day, unless visibly soiled or difficult to breathe through
 - Collected and stored after use for possible future reprocessing, unless damaged or visibly soiled
 - Team members wearing N95 respirators may not wear facial makeup
- **N95 alternatives should still be considered, such as:**
 - Elastomeric respirators
 - Powered air-purifying respirators (PAPR)
 - Industrial-grade N95 accompanied by face shield or other appropriate covering

Refer to Section G of the [Personal Protective Equipment Guidance for Novel Respiratory Virus, COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedure](#) for detailed information.

Clarification on High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)

The following clarification has been added to Section F of [the Personal Protective Equipment Guidance for Novel Respiratory Virus, COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedure](#) that was posted on May 26, 2020:

Some medical and surgical procedures are considered to cause significant aerosol generation (AGPs). In such cases, the risks for transmission remain sufficiently high even when weighed against the low potential of a false negative COVID-19 result. As a result, for AGPs with significant transmission potential, use N95 respirator, face shield, gowns and gloves during the following list of AGPs for any patient regardless of COVID-19 status, and minimize the number of individuals in the room.

- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Procedures of the nose, throat, oropharynx, respiratory tract
- Upper endoscopy
- Bronchoscopy
- It is also recognized that other procedures may generate aerosols, even though the potential for transmission has not been well defined. All other procedural use of PPE may be test based.

Florida Only: Emergency Use Authorization for Investigational Remdesivir

- Due to the Florida Department of Health’s very limited supply, remdesivir must be requested on a per-patient basis for those who meet the [FDA’s Emergency Use Authorization criteria](#).
 - **For West Florida Division:** To request remdesivir from the Florida Department of Health, [click here](#).
- **AdventHealth Orlando** received a limited supply of non-patient-specific remdesivir from the state for use in Central Florida Division – South Region hospitals only.
 - **Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole counties:** To request remdesivir, [click here](#).
 - After this supply has been exhausted, follow the Florida Department of Health process.
 - **Flagler, Lake and Volusia counties:** To request remdesivir from the Florida Department of Health, [click here](#).

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We encourage you to take care of yourself, your families and each other as we move through this ongoing response to COVID-19.

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[AdventHealth Coronavirus Website](#) | [Videos](#) | [Blog](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

Department of Health: [Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Kansas, Kentucky, Texas, Wisconsin](#)

Worldwide Coronavirus Data: [Johns Hopkins’ global cases webpage](#)

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