

Clinical Brief #30 | 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 topic is included in this brief:

Eye Protection for Patient Care Activities Based on COVID-19 Community Transmission

Due to the likelihood of health care personnel (HCP) encountering asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic patients, AdventHealth supports the recent CDC updates to its [Infection Control recommendations](#) related to eye protection.

AdventHealth Clinical recommends the implementation of eye protection for all HCPs providing patient care in facilities located in areas with certain levels of community transmission (see below table). Eye protection refers of the use of goggles or a face shield, in addition to other required personal protective equipment (PPE) for patient care activities of all patients regardless of COVID-19 status.

At this time AdventHealth facilities in communities with moderate and substantial SARS-CoV-2 transmission include facilities in the state of Florida and Texas. Implementation is recommended by Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Other AdventHealth facilities may implement these measures now or choose to implement them when moderate transmission levels are reached in their market. The PPE policy describes face shield and eye protection and, importantly, the required reuse of face shields for at least five days. This will be required to ensure sufficient PPE supply in order to achieve this implementation. The Supply Chain team is working to deploy sufficient supplies to implement these measures.

Community transmission	Definition	Eye protection for all patient care
No-to-minimal transmission	Evidence of isolated cases or limited community transmission, case investigations underway; no evidence of exposure in large communal setting	Optional
Moderate transmission	Sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, and potential for rapid increase in cases	Yes
Substantial transmission	Large-scale community transmission, including communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces)	Yes

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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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