

# Clinical Brief #35 | 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:

- **Updated Patient and Visitor Screening Questions**
- **Updates to the SOP for PPE Guidance for Novel Respiratory Virus**
- **Personal Protective Equipment Conservation Strategy**
- **Use of Respirators with Exhalation Valve**

### Updated Patient and Visitor Screening Questions

Based on new guidance from the CDC, questions on the screening forms found on the Novel Coronavirus Information Site have been updated. These can be found in English as well as eight additional languages [here](#).

### Updates to the SOP for PPE Guidance for Novel Respiratory Virus

Categorization and required PPE use have been added in section G to provide guidance on procedures included in high-risk and indeterminate-risk aerosol generating procedures (AGPs):

- **High-Risk AGPs:** procedures considered to cause significant aerosol generation. Team members will wear N95 respirator or equivalent alternative respirator, face shield, gowns and gloves during high-risk AGPs for any patient regardless of COVID-19 status.
- **Indeterminate-Risk AGPs:** procedures that may generate aerosols even though the potential for transmission has not been well defined. Team members will wear the required PPE based on the patient COVID-19 status and test results (test-based precautions).

For a list of included procedures in the risk categories, refer to Appendix A titled "Work Instructions COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance for Aerosol Generating Procedures" within the [PPE SOP](#).

### Personal Protective Equipment Conservation Strategy

Reprocessing of small N95 respirators must resume due to the critical levels of days-on-hand throughout our facilities. We will continue to monitor levels of key PPE and adjust conservation strategies as needed. See the [PPE SOP](#) that includes a memorandum outlining this new conservation strategy and all other conservation strategies that should already be in place.

### Use of Respirators with Exhalation Valve:

Reminder, when using an industrial N95 respirator with exhalation valve or an elastomeric respirator, the mask must be covered with a level 1 or 2 face mask. Refer to the [Respiratory Protection Use during COVID-19 Pandemic](#) grid for details.

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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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[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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