

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Special Bulletin - COVID-19 - ID-IPC - PPE Usage of Halyard Gowns - Feb 15 2022

**COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance:
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Usage of the Halyard Gowns (Blue Universal Gowns)**

The ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee received a request to review a previous recommendation put forth last fall regarding the indications for use of the Halyard (blue universal) gowns.

This item was reviewed at the ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee on Jan. 27, 2022 and the committee endorsed its previous recommendation and agreed that Halyard gowns remain appropriate for use in the following patient care capacity:

- routine patient care in health care settings, including acute and community settings such as COVID-19 exposure units and testing centres;
- PPE for multidrug resistant organisms (e.g., MRSA, VRE, ESBL-producing organisms);
- PPE for Contact Precautions such as C. difficile; and
- Visitors / family members for patients on isolation precautions.

Halyard gowns are not appropriate when surgical, sterile or fluid resistant / impermeable gowns are required based on levels of barrier performance with Level 1 being the lowest level of protection, and Level 4 being the highest level of protection as per standards.

The committee also recommended a procurement process be established to ensure these gowns are available in inventory in acute and community settings across Horizon for use in the provision of patient care.

This recommendation was approved by Horizon EOC on Feb. 3, 2022.

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