

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE**

**Special Bulletin - COVID-19 - ID-IPC - Revised Horizon IPC Guidance - Feb 15 2022**

**Revised: [Horizon IPC Guidance: Management of Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 Patients](#)**

and

**[Horizon IPC Guidance: Continuous Use of N95 Respirators/Medical Grade Face Masks and Eye Protection for Full Shifts in Healthcare Settings During COVID-19 Pandemic - All Phases](#)**

The IPC guidance documents have been updated to reflect the *Revised COVID-19 Enhanced Precautionary Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment* document issued by the province of New Brunswick on Jan. 11, 2022.

The documents support that a well fitted medical grade face mask remains an appropriate level of PPE for the care of a suspect / confirmed COVID-19 patient, however as a precautionary measure the guidance puts forth recommendations regarding the use of N95 respirators.

The IPC Guidance: Continuous Use of N95 Respirators/Medical Grade Face Masks and Eye Protection for Full Shifts in Healthcare Settings During COVID-19 Pandemic has been updated to reflect the following additional information:

- A definition for “well-fitted medical grade face mask”
- The requirement for the continuous use of eye protection in clinical and non-clinical settings in IPC Red Phase
- The addition of a process for:
  - Continuous use of N95 respirators as a PPE conventional strategy
  - Extended Use of N95 respirators as a PPE Contingency Strategy
  - Limited reuse of a N95 Respirators as a PPE Crisis Strategy

**Revised: [Horizon IPC Guidance: Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures \(AGMPs\) During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

The Horizon IPC Guidance document for AGMPs During COVID-19 Pandemic was revised to reflect the Provincial Guidance document.

High Risk AGMPs now includes:

- Nasopharyngeal endoscopy/procedures with irrigation or high-pressure suction

Moderate to Unknown Risk AGMPs

- Nasopharyngoscopy/laryngoscopy

**Revised: [Infection Prevention & Control Guidance: Workforce Development Educational Delivery Guidelines During COVID-19 All Phases](#)**

The IPC Guidance: Workforce Development Educational Delivery Guidelines has been developed to provide facilitators with guiding principles for the safe offering of educational sessions which require hands-on demonstration/testing, whenever virtual delivery is not feasible.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline page](#) for COVID-19 information.