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### **PPE Guidance for All Patient Interactions During COVID-19**

**Screening:** Prescreen all patients to determine if the patient has COVID symptoms or been in contact with someone with COVID symptoms.

Follow all CDC guidelines related to handwashing when interacting with patients. Use antiseptic wipes to clean all surfaces before seeing a patient and between patients.

#### **Patient With Positive or PUI COVID**

For healthcare worker

- N95 Mask
- Face Shield or protective goggles
- Gown
- Shoe covers
- Gloves
- Hair covering optional
- If N95 can't be worn PAPR suit

For the patient – not in a waiting room with other patients, examined in an isolation room if possible

- Surgical mask if possible

Thoroughly clean all equipment, room, etc after procedure and before seeing any other patients. Regarding EDX testing, see AANEM's document Special Precautions While Performing EDX Testing for further information.

#### **All Other Patients**

For healthcare worker

- Surgical Mask
- Face Shield or protective goggles (strongly recommended)
- Gloves

For the patient –follow social distancing rules for waiting patients (ie having patients wait in car until ready for procedure. No additional people enter the building with the patient unless the patient needs assistance)

- Surgical mask if possible

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