

When supporting a person who has or is suspected to have COVID 19 to apply/
remove CPAP/ APAP or while providing support to a person who is using a
CPAP/APAP:

People who require assistance with their CPAP/ APAP or require support while their CPAP/ APAP is running (ex. Sleeping and needs medication, needs support to turn off the machine).

Staff entering the room of someone who has or is suspected to have COVID 19 where the CPAP/APAP is running need to perform the following tasks.

- Before entering the room, perform hand hygiene and don the appropriate PPE. As this is an aerosol generating procedure staff must do the following and in this order.
 - Put on gown
 - Put on a properly sized N95 respirator
 - Put on eye protection
 - Put on gloves. Ensure that the gown is tucked into the wrist of the glove.
 - Ensure all required items are brought with you into the room. With the door closed, provide all assistance as required.
- Once finished in the room, leave the room and ensure that the door has been closed. The room should not be accessed again for 90 minutes following the time that the CPAP/APAP machine was shut off.
- Remove gloves, eye protection (do not throw out; place in the tote provided), gown and N95 respirator, dispose of in garbage located directly outside of the supported person's bedroom, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Put on a clean pair of gloves
- Immediately disinfect the eye protection and the tote used to for the eye protection
- Discard gloves
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Put on a new, medical mask
- Don eye protection

The bedroom of the supported person who is using this equipment needs to be disinfected after each use. This can be performed after the CPAP/APAP machine has been shut off for 90 minutes.

People who do not require assistance with their CPAP/ APAP:

- Need to be reminded to gather personal items i.e. clothing the night before and place them in a secure location outside of their bedroom for use in the morning.
- When the person gets up in the morning, staff will remind them and double check that they have closed their door after leaving their room. The person should be discouraged from re-entering this space until it has been disinfected.

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To disinfect:

After 90 minutes have passed, staff will wear a medical mask, eye protection and gloves staff to disinfect the bedroom.

- Use a disinfectant cleaner or Bleach/Water mixture and follow the steps on the disinfectant.

No other staff working in the home are permitted to enter the room until after the 90 minutes has passed in order to conserve PPE.