

Outbreak PPE protocol when supported person(s) is/are not able to self-isolate.

- All staff will wear N-95 Respirators and face shields for the duration of their shift.
- Additionally all staff will don gloves and a gown when providing personal care, cleaning, or doing laundry ensuring that proper [hand hygiene](#) is complete prior to donning gloves and again after doffing gloves as well as regularly throughout their shift
- There will be an area designated for staff to don and doff their PPE at the beginning and end of their shift.
- There will be PPE stations set up outside of the bedroom / washroom area(s). The PPE stations will include disposable gowns, eye protection, gloves, N95 respirator, and hand sanitizer, and a garbage can with a foot pedal for disposal of used PPE. All clean / new PPE is located in a tote with a lid to ensure someone walking by does not contaminate it.
- The outside of the tote is to be considered a high touch area and will be disinfected as such throughout the shift according the enhanced disinfecting that is happening.
- Staff will need to be cautious not to block hallways or create tripping hazards and keep a clear path to all fire exits.

Donning PPE:

- Perform hand hygiene
- Don on a gown
- Don a N95 respirator.
- Don face shield
- Don gloves. Ensure that the gown is tucked into the wrist of the glove.

Doffing PPE:

- Doff gloves and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Doff face shield and placed in the tote provided
- Doff disposable gown and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Doff N95 respirator and dispose in garbage located directly outside of the washroom area, using the foot pedal to open and close the lid.
- Perform proper hand hygiene
- Don new N95 respirator
- Disinfect the face shield and tote with bleach and water mixture, dry and don face shield
- Perform hand hygiene
- Don new PPE

Disinfecting:

- Use a disinfectant cleaner or Bleach/Water mixture following the manufacturer instructions and reference the SDS sheet.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces (bed side tables, bed frames, other bedroom furniture, light switches, door knobs) according to schedule outlined in D-3 Monthly program task checklist.
- Disinfectant wipes are located at all PPE stations and should be used to wipe surfaces when staff observe surfaces to become contaminated.
- Staff will disinfect all shared washrooms after every use. All other washrooms will be disinfected 4 times as per enhanced cleaning list.

Monitoring of positive supported person(s) who is unable to self-isolate:

- All supported people will be encouraged to spend as much time as they can tolerate in their bedroom.
- All supported people will be encouraged to eat their meals in their bedroom; meals will not be served at the dining room table.
- When supported people do come into the common area(s) of the home they will be encouraged to remain 2 meters (6 Feet) apart from their roommates and staff.
- All others living the home will be offered to wear a mask (if tolerated)

Laundry for positive supported person:

Using proper PPE (gown, N95 respirator, eye protection, gloves as outlined above) gather up the supported person's laundry and place into a bag for easy transfer to the laundry room. Clean clothes, bed linens, and bath and hand towels using laundry soap hot water, and dry thoroughly.

Dishes for positive supported person:

Disposable cutlery and dishes should be used for all positive supported people. If they are not readily available use gloves place the dishes in the dishwasher. Immediately remove gloves once dishes have been put in the machine and perform proper hand hygiene. Don clean gloves and disinfect all surfaces that may have been touched including doorknobs, the counter and the front of the dishwasher.

If a staff member believes, they have COVID-19

- Contact the COVID 19 Command Post email, your manager and the HR Department Immediately
- Use the self assessment tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0>
- Seek Medical attention to confirm that it is COVID-19