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S: Update on the required use of eye protection

B: The use of eye protection is recommended by the CDC for all patient care activities when the level of COVID in the community is elevated.

A: While COVID remains widespread across Connecticut and surrounding areas, COVID has been decreasing for the past several weeks.

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1. Eye protection is no longer required for all episodes of patient care. However, this may be reinstated if rates of COVID in Connecticut significantly increase.
2. In both inpatient and ambulatory settings, eye protection must be used by staff caring for any patient,
 - a. suspected or known to have COVID (i.e., in COVID isolation),
 - b. as part of Standard Precautions when a splash/spray with blood or other potentially infectious material is anticipated, or
 - c. when handling a chemical or performing other activities which require use of eye protection.
3. In addition to the above indications, staff may chose to wear eye protection at other times voluntarily.

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