Eye Protection
PPE Non-Covid
SBAR

**Situation**
The PPE policy has been updated for employees in any clinical care area.

**Background**
In times of high prevalence of community presence of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) the CDC states employees are more likely to encounter asymptomatic patients.

The CDC has redefined close contact as close contact as a person who has spent a cumulative 15 minutes or more within six feet of an infected individuals across a 24-hour period. This means 15 minutes of exposure did not have to occur consecutively at one time, but could occur cumulatively throughout different, shorter points of contact over the course of a day.

**Assessment**
YNHHS continues to follow CDC and OSHA guidelines.

YNHHS requires employees to use both a mask and eye protection when in any clinical area. Ongoing changes to PPE instructions may occur as we learn more about the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) virus and CDC guidelines may be updated in the future.

**Recommendation**
In addition to your facemask, ensure your eyes are protected from respiratory secretions

Staff should wear:
- A face mask and a face shield together (this is the preferred combination)
- A face mask and safety goggles together
FAQ's

Q: Can I use eyeglasses with prescription lenses instead of face shield or safety goggles?
A: No. Eyeglasses designed for ordinary wear do not provide the level of protection necessary to protect against workplace hazards.

Q: Why did we get safety glasses if we are supposed only use face shields or safety goggles?
A: The use of safety goggles is the latest change to the recommendations.

Q: Can I use goggles or face shields that I bought myself?
A: No. Per policy Yale New Haven Health System supplies healthcare workers the necessary equipment and supplies to comply with precautions.

Q: Are face shields and safety goggles all reusable?
A: Yes. They should be cleaned between each patient.

Q: How do I clean my face shield and safety goggles?
A: Staff are to disinfect using a hospital approved disinfectant wipe after use. An alcohol swab can be used to remove any film left by the disinfectant. Bleach wipes may be used, but will cause eventual product breakdown.

Q: When do I replace my face shield and/or safety goggles?
A: Equipment should be replaced if they impair vision, are cracked or broken down, are dirty and cannot be cleaned, or are otherwise unusable. They may be replaced at any time during your shift.

Q: How do I get replacement items?
A: Speak with your supervisor.

Q: Will we ever see different facemasks, safety goggles, and face shields when our current ones need replacement?
A: It is possible different facemasks, safety goggles, and face shields may be bought in the future if we are unable to purchase the same product in the future. All items will be vetted by Value Analysis and meet regulatory standards.
Face Shields

McKesson
Infor # 223037

Halyard
Infor # 218467
Goggles

Honeywell Stealth Goggles
Infor # 221146

May be worn over prescription glasses

References

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