

# COVID-19 Eye Protection Guidance

## *The eyes have it!*

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us all about the importance of eye protection and brought up many questions around the right eye protection. There are many kinds of eye protection available and selection should be made based on the task at hand. Types of eyewear available include:

### **Goggles** (at right)

- Appropriately fitted, non-vented goggles with a manufacturer's anti-fog coating provide the most reliable practical eye protection from splashes, sprays, and respiratory droplets. These should be used when caring for a COVID patient at all times.
- Goggles are reusable and can be cleaned between uses.
- Goggles are required when performing aerosol generating procedures on patients when the COVID status is not known.



### **Face Shields** (at left)

- Face shields provide sufficient eye protection for care of patients during routine care.
- A face shield can also be used as an additional layer of protection over goggles.
- Hard plastic face shields are reusable and can be cleaned between uses.
- Disposable face shields for medical personnel made of light weight films that are attached to a surgical mask can also be used.

### **Safety Glasses with Sides** (at right)

- Can be used as eye protection during routine care of patients when not performing an aerosol generating procedure. They provide adequate coverage.

### **PAPR**

- Can be used when an individual is caring for a COVID-19 patient and CANNOT be fitted for an N-95.
- These should ONLY be used when you cannot wear an N95. These are in **VERY LIMITED** on supply. They are always to be reused, and **NEVER thrown away**.



To learn more [click here](#). Topics include:

- Why eye protection is available for prescription lenses users?
- How should potentially contaminated eye protection be removed?
- Is it safe for others to reuse my eye protection?
- How should eye protection be disinfected?

[A printable visual guide on proper eye protection is available here.](#)