

# GUIDANCE FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary to increase the level of personal protective equipment utilized by all members of the dental team. The guidance will be in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

	Clinical	Administrative
<b>Level 1 surgical mask</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn throughout the day</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3 surgical mask</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn during non-aerosol generating procedures</li> <li>Worn over N95/KN95 during aerosol generating procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>N95/KN95 masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn during aerosol generating procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>All masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn covering both the nose and the mouth. Never touch the outside of the mask with ungloved hands. If inadvertent touching of the outside of the mask with ungloved hands occurs, perform hand hygiene as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>Face shield (reusable)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn during all procedures</li> <li>Disinfect after each patient use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn throughout the day</li> <li>Disinfect at noon and EOD</li> </ul>
<b>All Face shields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Never touch the outside of the face shield with ungloved hands. If inadvertent touching of the outside of the mask with ungloved hands occurs, perform hand hygiene as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>Protective eyewear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be worn in conjunction with a face shield</li> </ul>	
<b>Gowns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worn during all procedures and removed before leaving the clinical area</li> <li>Change if visibly soiled</li> </ul>	

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<b>Head cover</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worn during all procedures and removed before leaving the clinical area</li> <li>• Hair should be tucked inside head cover</li> </ul>	
<b>Shoe covers – based on availability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worn during all procedures and removed before leaving the clinical area.</li> </ul>	
<b>Clinic only shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In lieu of shoe covers, disinfect shoes at the end of the day with intermediate level disinfectant and remove before leaving the clinic</li> </ul>	
<b>Exams gloves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worn during all procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>Utility gloves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worn during all disinfection and sterilization procedures</li> </ul>	

