

PAPR Prioritization Matrix

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COVID Positive/PUI PAPR Prioritization Matrix

♦ Standard PPE for the below Procedures includes Gown, Gloves + N95, Face Shield ♦

Reminder** N-95 and Faceshield is our standard level of PPE and will keep you safe.

Using a PAPR is an acceptable alternative when available and is prioritized by the likelihood of aerosol generation.

Patient care should NEVER be delayed because a PAPR is not available.

Tier 3

By Procedure

PAPR Use: Highest Priority

CPAP/BiPAP* (≥30 min)
Active CPR* (Not Intubated)
Intubation / Extubation
Respiratory Interventions with Continuous Provider Exposure* (≥30min)
Sputum Induction (Non-Intubated Patients)
Bronchoscopy / BAL

Tier 2

By Procedure/Duration 15-30min*

PAPR Use: Low Priority

CPAP/BiPAP*
Active CPR* (Intubated)
Respiratory Interventions with Continuous Provider Exposure*
Any Nasal Cannula Therapy ≥5 lpm (patient is NOT in a mask per the universal masking policy)

Tier 1

By Procedure

PAPR NOT INDICATED

Daily Cares
Imaging Procedures
Lab Procedures
Healthcare Professional Preference
Any Nasal Cannula Therapy (patient is in a mask per the universal masking policy)
Proning a Patient
Medication Administration

Recommended PPE, in addition to Gown and Gloves, per priority stratification

PAPR Use: Highest Priority

N-95 + Faceshield or goggles



Or

PAPR Only



PAPR Use: Low Priority

N-95 + Faceshield or goggles



Or

PAPR Only



PAPR Use: NOT INDICATED

N-95 + Faceshield or goggles



*Longer/shorter duration and Urgency of procedure should be taken into consideration when selecting PPE.

NOTE: Any HCP that has failed N95 fit-testing or is experiencing skin breakdown due to the N95 respirator should utilize a PAPR, if one is available. If one is not available, work with leadership to identify an alternate assignment.

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