COVID-19 face shields and alternatives

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Face Shield



Goggles





Donning eye protection

- 1. Perform hand hygiene and don new, clean gloves
- 2. Place over face and eyes
- 3. Adjust to fit

Doffing eye protection

- 1. Perform hand hygiene and don new, clean gloves
- 2. Remove face shield or goggles using head strap only
- 3. Fold shield in half and wipe inside then outside
 - For goggles or glasses, wipe inside, strap, then outside
- 4. Hang or store for re-use

Recommended re-use: Use of a face shield, goggles or glasses by the same person for multiple client interactions, removing it ("doffing") after each interaction, cleaning and storing it for future interactions. After putting on ("donning") a re-used face shield, goggles or glasses, WASH HANDS or use hand sanitizer and put on gloves.

Recommended extended use: Wearing the same face shield, goggles or glasses for repeated close contact interactions with several clients without removing it between interactions. Extended use may be implemented when multiple clients are infected.

Cleaning and disinfection: Wash hands, put on clean gloves, remove using head strap only. Wipe the inside then the outside of the face shield or goggles with a disinfectant wipe. After using the wipe, remove streaks by wiping the inside then the outside with a wet paper towel. Air dry or use clean absorbent towels before reuse. Store for reuse in a clean paper bag or hang in clean, secure area, not touching other PPE.

When to discard: Discard face shields or goggles when they cannot be cleaned, fastened securely, or provide good visibility.

This is general guidance: follow site and activity specific procedures if available.

