

Eye Protection FAQ's

When do I need to wear Eye Protection? Eye Protection must be worn when caring for a COVID-19 PUI/or confirmed positive patient, or with care activities when there is anticipated splashes, sprays, or splatters as required by standard precautions or transmission-based precautions.

What eye protection does AAH provide for team members? Eye protection includes full face shield, goggles, and eye shields (see pictures below)

Are eyeglasses considered eye protection? Prescription eyeglasses are not NIOSH approved eye protection (National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health).

What type of eye protection is available at Advocate Aurora? Supply chain continues to monitor PPE resources and availability. Below are examples of eye protection however substitutions can occur.

Full Face Shield



Goggles



Eye Shields



Eyeglasses and eye glass inserts may be used to provide protection from impact hazards but are not considered protective from splash or sprays/droplets therefore do not provide the necessary protection for COVID-19.

Can team members wear their own purchased eye protection? Only if the eye protection follows the NIOSH/CDC recommended eye protection. (i.e. cover the front and sides of the face and protects eyes from splashes and sprays.)

When should I replace my eye protection? Reusable eye protection is replaced when damaged or broken.

When do I have to clean and disinfect eye protection? Clean and disinfect eye protection when known or suspected contamination occurs (examples: touched with contaminated glove or visibly soiled from splash or spray), after an aerosol generating procedure (AGP), when removing to take a break or eating, or at the end of a shift, or prior to storing.

How do I clean and disinfect reusable eye protection? Don clean gloves, clean and disinfect the inside and outside surfaces of the eye protection. If the eye protection has foam or an elastic band, avoid using the disinfectant on those areas. Discard used disinfectant wipe or paper towel, remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

What should I do with my eye protection at the end of my shift or workday? Disinfect prior to placing in designated storage area.

Is the combined mask/shield reusable? Facemasks with the attached shield are limited and not preferred. If the team members use facemask/shield combo, then these would be discarded at the end of the shift or when the mask is soiled, wet or damaged.

Can team members wear their own safety goggles provided full eye coverage is achieved? Yes, if the eye protection (goggles) cover the front and sides of the face and protects eyes from splashes and sprays.