



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING

Guidelines For Use of Face Protection PPE in Patient/Client Care in the COVID-19 Era

UMSON faculty, including adjunct clinical instructors and teaching assistants, are expected to use the following guidelines to determine what face protection to use when faculty and students are caring for patients or other persons in health care settings.

1. Students cannot care for COVID-19-positive patients/persons.
2. Students cannot care for Patients Under Investigation (PUIs), defined as patients who are symptomatic and awaiting test results for COVID-19.
3. Everyone (students, faculty) should have with them face shield, surgical-procedural face mask, and N95 or better respirator.
4. Everyone should wear minimum COVID-19 PPE (face shield and surgical-procedural face mask) for patient care/simulated care activities within 6 feet of another patient/person.
5. Anytime there is a possibility of exposure to droplets (direct or aerosolized) from a patient/person, an N95 or better respirator should be worn.
6. Anyone can choose to wear an N95 or better respirator at any time when providing direct patient care.
7. Everyone must be knowledgeable of and adhere to the PPE requirements and other COVID-19 precautions of the institution(s) they are interacting with as part of their UMSON work/learning responsibilities.

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