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. Everyone (students, faculty) should have with them face shield, KN95 mask, and N95 or better respirator.
2. Everyone should wear minimum COVID-19 PPE (face shield and KN95 mask) for patient care/simulated care activities. Some clinical sites require students and faculty to wear N95 or better respirators whenever on their premises.
3. Any time there is a possibility of exposure to droplets (direct or aerosolized) from a patient/person, an N95 or better respirator should be worn.
4. Anyone can choose to wear an N95 or better respirator at any time.
5. 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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