

An Important Update from the Infection Prevention Team

Eye Protection Use and Reprocessing as of 4/21/20

Eye Protection Use

- Eye protection will be provided to each clinician for use when risk of exposure to COVID-19 is present and is to be maintained by the clinician for use with multiple clients.
- Put on eye protection (ie, goggles or a disposable face shield that covers the front and sides of the face) upon entry to the client room or care area.
- Remove eye protection before leaving the client room or care area.
- Disposable eye protection should be discarded after use.
- Follow [CDC guidelines for proper sequence for putting on and taking off PPE](#).



IMPORTANT: Personal eyeglasses and contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.

Reprocessing Eye Protection (face shields, goggles)

1. While wearing gloves, carefully clean the entire outside surface with soap and water. Allow to dry.
2. Disinfect the outside of the face shield or goggles with an EPA-registered disinfectant wipe. Allow disinfectant to dry for the full contact time (the time the product must remain wet on the item to effectively disinfect it) specified on the EPA-registered disinfectant directions for use, located on the product.
3. If residue is present, wipe the outside of face shield or goggles with alcohol to remove residue.
4. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
5. Store in a clean Ziplock bag.

Continued maintenance for re-use of eye protection

- Eye protection can be re-used by individual clinicians providing care to clients where risk of exposure to COVID-19 is present.
- Inspect goggles prior to use.
- Ensure that goggles are not cracked or otherwise compromised.
- Discard if there is an alteration in the integrity of the goggles