

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #153b – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Revised Continuous Use of Eye Protection – June 24 2021

Updated - Continuous Use of Eye Protection in Emergency Departments

The enhanced IPC requirement for continuous use of eye protection in Emergency Departments implemented in April 2021 in response to an increase in COVID-19 variants of concern will be discontinued effective immediately.

Eye protection must be worn by healthcare workers (HCWs) in Emergency Departments when providing direct patient care to all patients and when a 2-meter distance cannot be maintained between the HCW and the patient.

Eye protection can be single use or reusable. Reusable eye protection must be cleaned/disinfected and stored as outlined in the [Infection Prevention and Control Cleaning and Disinfection Instructions for Eye Protection and Ordering Information](#).

There is no change from current [Infection Prevention & Control Guidance: Management of Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 Patients](#) regarding the Personal Protective Equipment required when caring for suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patients