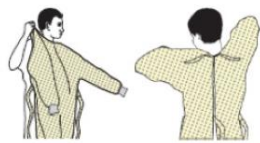


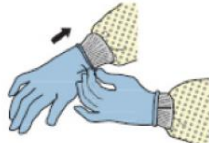
# PPE Guidance for Suspected COVID-19 in Pediatric/Adolescent Patients

This guidance should be used to determine when a higher level of Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] is needed and is not intended to determine which patients should be tested for COVID-19.

Providers must wear the following PPE for **ALL confirmed AND suspected** COVID-19 positive patients



Gown



Gloves



N95  
(or PAPR)



Eye Protection  
(face shield or goggles)

Due to the prevalence of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses in the community, any patient < 18 years old who presents with the following should be considered a suspect case of COVID-19 for the purposes of requiring a higher level of PPE:

**1 or more** of the following +/- **Fever**, regardless of presence or absence of a COVID-19+ close contact and without a clear alternative diagnosis at presentation:

- sudden onset of loss of taste or smell
  - new URI symptoms (sore throat/congestion/cough)
  - new flu-like illness (myalgias/fatigue)
  - new GI symptoms (nausea/vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea)
- For patients not meeting the criteria above and not known to have COVID-19:
    - all employees must continue to wear surgical/procedural masks
    - unvaccinated staff are required to wear eye protection.
  - Providers and staff can always use the higher-level PPE on a case-by-case basis if COVID-19 is suspected but does not meet the criteria above.