PPE Use in the Operative Environment

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For AGPs on any suspected (PUI) or confirmed COVID patients

All essential personnel *inside* OR to wear N95, face shield, gloves, and surgical gown for duration of case
Do NOT use N95 Mask if…

• In observance of Universal Masking Requirement
• Not an AGP
• Negative patient screen for COVID-19
End-of-case

Environmental cleaning recommendations

- Patient extubated in OR or underwent higher-risk procedure
- Case completed
- Clear room for 30 minutes while essential OR Personnel clean room in full PPE
For procedures approved by PPE Request Review Committee (if no screening test or COVID +) and/or Bronchoscopy and Transsphenoidal Procedures (regardless of screening test result)

All essential personnel inside OR to wear N95, face shield, gloves, and surgical gown for duration of case
For all *other* procedures during intubation/extubation

**OR team** to wear routine surgical PPE appropriate for case
For all *other* procedures during intubation/extubation

*Any other essential personnel in OR* to wear routine surgical PPE appropriate for case and stay 6 ft away.
OR Guidance for N95 Respirators

For N95 respirators worn for all procedures
What is the difference?

**N95**
- Typically single-use
- N95 with eye protection is clinically equivalent to PAPR

**PAPR**
- Multi-use
- Must be trained by VHES to use
- Kept in locations where high volume AGPs performed
- Multi-step cleaning process
If N95 only necessary for Intubation/Extubation:

1. After 99.9% air exchange (>30 mins)
2. Doff N95 and store for reuse
3. Don surgical mask
Do Not Remove

If anesthesia provider is immediately proceeding to another room where N95 would be required. Do not touch respirator.