

Manage COVID 19 at the workplace

PPE and workplace safety measures
for very high and high exposure risk
conditions



Personal protection equipment (PPE)

- * PPE should never take the place of engineering and administrative controls but should be provided to provide employees with jobs that carry a very high or high risk of exposure to further protect them from infection.
- * PPE should be selected based on the specific hazard or hazards to the employee and may include gloves, goggles, face shields, face masks, and respiratory protection.



Selection and care of PPE

- * Selected based upon the hazard to the worker
- * Properly fitted and periodically refitted, as applicable (e.g., respirators)
- * Consistently and properly worn when required
- * Regularly inspected, maintained, and replaced, as necessary
- * Properly removed, cleaned, and stored or disposed of, as applicable, to avoid contamination of self, others, or the environment



Engineering controls

- * Install high-efficiency air filters.
- * Increase ventilation rates in the work environment.
- * Install physical barriers, such as clear plastic sneeze guards.
- * Specialised negative pressure ventilation in some settings, such as for aerosol generating procedures (e.g., airborne infection isolation rooms in healthcare settings and specialized autopsy suites in mortuary settings)



Additional administrative controls for very high and high risk operations

- * Providing workers with up-to-date education and training on COVID-19 risk factors and protective behaviours (e.g., cough etiquette and care of PPE).
- * Training workers who need to use protecting clothing and equipment how to put it on, use/wear it, and take it off correctly, including in the context of their current and potential duties.
- * Training material should be easy to understand and available in the appropriate language and literacy level for all workers.



Additional administrative controls for very high and high risk operations

- * Establish alternating days or extra shifts that reduce the total number of employees in a facility at a given time, allowing them to maintain distance from one another while maintaining a full onsite work week.



Safe work procedures

- * Safe work procedures identify the hazard or hazards associated with a specific task and lists the PPE and safety precautions that must be taken before starting the task.
- * The task steps are listed sequentially and includes the appropriate safe work practices that should be adopted for each step.

Thank You



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