

IC5: 0600 Eyewear

1.0 STANDARD

All staff must wear protective eyewear with a mask to protect conjunctival membranes during activities that are likely to generate sprays of blood, body fluid, secretions or excretions and when indicated by the precautions card.

2.0 DEFINITION

Protective eyewear consists of eye shields, goggles, and face shields.

Protective eyewear is designed to be worn over any personal corrective lenses.

Eye protection should also be worn for wound irrigation procedures if there is any risk of sprays or splashes.

3.0 PROCEDURE

All Staff shall

- Obtain appropriate protective eyewear
- Perform hand hygiene
- Don (put on) eyewear outside the resident's environment
- Avoid touching eyewear while providing care to resident
- Remove other PPE, perform hand hygiene then Doff (remove) eyewear
- Handle eyewear by the side-arms or at the least contaminated point only
- Perform hand hygiene after contact with eyewear
- Disinfect re-usable eyewear after use following a low level disinfection work instruction (See SOP 13: Low level disinfection for routine care and IC 13: intermediate level disinfection during gastro outbreaks)

4.0 REFERENCES

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Routine practices and additional precautions for preventing the transmission of infection in health care settings. 2012

Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC). Routine practices and additional precautions in all health care settings, 3rd edition. 2012