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## COVID-19 PPE Procedure

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It is imperative that all personnel adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Maine CDC and Maine EMS regarding the use of proper PPE and decontamination procedures when coming in contact with a potential or confirmed COVID-19 patient. With that said, here is a guideline to follow when donning, doffing and decontaminating after a U-21 positive or inconclusive case:

### Donning procedure:

1. Donn 1st layer of gloves
2. Donn the Tyvek suit, gown or equivalent.
3. Place boot covers over hazmat boot and donn boots.
4. Donn Second set of gloves (to cover the wrist cuffs of the suit). This will also provide an additional layer of protection in the event a glove is ripped or torn. It will also come into play with doffing.
5. Donn an appropriately sized N95 mask. Insure proper fit and seal around the bridge of the nose. Straps ***should not*** cross behind the users' head.
6. Donn Safety glasses or face shield/mask combo (orange)
7. Donn Hood if applicable

### Doffing procedure

1. Have your partner apply hand sanitizer to your gloves and rub together. This will reduce potential transmission of the droplets that may have landed on your gloves.
2. Un-tie your suit and remove the hood (if applicable)
3. Take your boots off and set them aside. Spray boots and covers with "Sanizide" spray. Remove boot covers and place in the provided trash bag. Stand on the provided red bag (Spray boots with "Sanizide" spray and allow to sit for 10 minutes. (Proper dwell/contact time for disinfectant to work) and set aside.
4. While removing your suit from shoulders to hands, you will pull the outer layer of gloves off with it. (Discard into the provided trash bag)
5. Apply hand sanitizer wipes (PDI Sani-hands 70% alcohol) to your inner layer gloves and rub together.
6. Remove your outer face shield or glasses. (Discard into the provided trash bag)
7. With gloved hands, seal the provided trash bag and place in red biohazard bag. (Reapply hand sanitizer to gloves and rub together)
8. Remove N95 mask and place in red biohazard bag.
9. Remove gloves and place in red biohazard bag. Have your partner (with gloved hands and surgical mask) tie the red biohazard bag.
10. Both providers wash your hands using the provided "Vionex" (green bottle) hand soap and bottled water. The red biohazard bag will be placed in the transporting unit for proper disposal at the receiving facility.
11. Place boots in a trash bag and place in an outer compartment for transport back to the station for secondary decontamination.

**NOTE:** Please remember to decontaminate your non disposable equipment using the provided "Sanizide" spray. This also includes the Oxygen cylinder, monitor /AED and suction unit if used. Purple wipes are also approved. ***if it cannot be discarded, it must be disinfected. All equipment must be decontaminated prior to placing it back into service.***

As a reminder, it may be necessary to leave the medical bag outside of the "hot zone" to reduce the possibility of contamination. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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