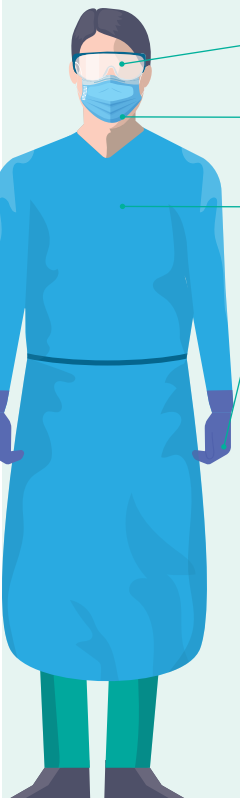
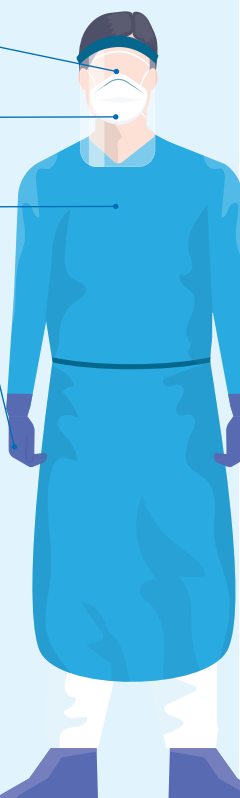


## A VISUAL GUIDE TO SAFE PPE USE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (EVS) PROFESSIONALS

According to the CDC, high exposure risk jobs are those with high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19.<sup>1</sup> Workers in this category include EVS Professionals, who should follow CDC guidelines and associated professional organization recommendations for cleaning, disinfection and use of PPE with known or suspected COVID-19 patients. It is important to wear PPE to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Additional information on PPE use during clinical care can be found at <https://www.ahe.org/covid-19-resources-evs-professionals-2020>.

PPE – CLEANING A VACANT ROOM <sup>1,2,3</sup>	PPE – CLEANING AN OCCUPIED ROOM <sup>1,2,3</sup>
30-60 minutes after patient has left room (to allow the ventilation to clear any potential virus in the air) the following PPE is recommended. *Always follow local hospital, state/national policy	When the room is occupied and up to 30-60 minutes after patient leaves the room the following PPE is recommended. *Always follow local hospital, state/national policy
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eye protection, goggles</li> <li>Fluid resistant face mask</li> <li>Long sleeved, fluid resistant disposable/ reusable cloth gowns</li> <li>Disposable gloves</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eye protection, goggles or face shield</li> <li>N95 or higher-level respirator</li> <li>Long sleeved, fluid resistant disposable/ reusable cloth gowns</li> <li>Disposable gloves</li> </ul>
<p><b>IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER:</b><sup>1,2,3</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have all your supplies before entering the room</li> <li>PPE must be worn correctly before entering the patient area and remain in place for the duration of care</li> <li>Always extend the glove cuff over the gown cuff to fully cover the wrist and limit exposure</li> <li>If a respirator is not available, use a combination of a surgical mask and a full-face shield</li> <li>Infection control recommendations include the use of hair or shoes covers whenever available</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPE should not be adjusted (e.g., retying gowns, adjusting mask, etc.) during patient care</li> <li>If leaving the room to get something, you will need to doff (remove) the PPE right after you leave the room and then re-don (put on clean) PPE when you go back in room</li> <li>Remove and discard all disposable PPE into a sealed trash receptacle (e.g., disposable respirators/masks, eye protection, gown, gloves, etc.)</li> <li>Clean and disinfect reusable eye protection according to manufacturer's instructions prior to re-use</li> <li>Reusable cloth gowns should be laundered after each use</li> </ul>	



### MEDICAL GLOVES MUST

- Conform to standard AQL 2.5 or less (Lower AQL minimizes potential risk of contamination due to pinhole defects)
- Conform to ASTM D3578, D6319, D6977, D5250 or EN 455 (Barrier against viral penetration)
- When selecting PPE also look for conformance with viral penetration standard ASTM F1671 and EN ISO 374-5 VIRUS (Barrier against viral penetration)

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➔ For more information on infection prevention and control of COVID-19, please visit: [www.ansell.com/us/en/the-new-coronavirus](http://www.ansell.com/us/en/the-new-coronavirus)

Please Note: Given the novelty of this coronavirus, recommendations from the source references are interim and advisory in nature and are based on current knowledge of the situation. Always ensure compliance with your local public health authorities regulations surrounding conservation, usage, and selection guidance of PPE to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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