

Re-Use/Cleaning of Eye Protection

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Eye Protection Use/Re-use General Info:

- Expectation is that all staff wear a face-shield during any and all patient encounters
- Continuous use of face shield is acceptable
 - SIH approved face shield includes a forehead foam barrier
- If face shield is removed:
 - Clean face shield
 - Perform hand hygiene
 - Make sure your name is on the band
 - Place in a clear personal belongings bag with your name
- When caring for COVID positive or suspected patients, Airborne/Contact/Eye Protection precautions are required
- In effort to conserve use of PPE- Eye Protection, reuse and cleaning measures have been implemented until supply chains are restored
- Please follow the below steps to ensure proper cleaning of eye protection
- Please be judicious in the reuse of these types of equipment

Eye Protection Cleaning:

- Eye Protection (face shield or goggles – fitting over entirety of eyes/orbit) are to be cleaned using SIH approved disinfectant wipe when removed:
 - When at work stations
 - After each shift, at break or meal-time
 - When visibly soiled
 - Suspected contamination has occurred
 - After care of a positive COVID patient, then going to care for a PUI (person under investigation) or an admitted patient in a non-COVID setting
- Wipe down the entire apparatus
- Observe proper wet times as per manufacturer's recommendations
- To remove film, use an alcohol wipe (after appropriate wet time and after dry)
- **If the integrity of the Eye Protection is compromised – the viewing field is scratched making it difficult to see, it no longer fits tightly to your head or no longer remains in place when it is on, or any other concerns arise, please replace the Eye Protection immediately.**

OF NOTE: Wipes are continuously changing due to the lack of availability from manufacturers. Wipes currently distributed include bleach wipes, hydrogen peroxide wipes and general disinfectant wipes. Know that all distributed wipes have been vetted through Infection Prevention for approved use.