B.C. Health-Care Worker Exposures Risk Assessment Tool

This tool provides a summary of the provincial guidance on health-care worker exposures to COVID-19. For complete information, visit BCCDC [Risk assessment and management of health-care workers exposed to COVID-19 patients](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/bcgos/health/services/covid-19/whs/provincial-guidance.html).

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| All appropriate PPE\(^1\) | NO RISK | If HCW asymptomatic,  
1. **CONTINUE** to work, follow general precautions for all HCW  
2. **No further follow-up** required by WHS  
If HCW develops symptoms,  
1. **EXCLUDE** from work + **SELF-ISOLATE** (until cleared for return to work)  
2. **NOTIFY** supervisor/delegate  
3. **TEST** – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC |
| No gloves/gown (but wore mask + eye protection)\(^2\) | NO RISK | If HCW asymptomatic:  
1. **SELF-MONITOR** for symptoms for 14 days. May continue to work with appropriate PPE and IPC measures.  
If HCW develops symptoms,  
1. **EXCLUDE** from work + **SELF-ISOLATE** (until cleared for return to work)  
2. **NOTIFY** supervisor/delegate  
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| No mask/ No eye protection | LOW RISK | If HCW asymptomatic and fully immunized\(^3\):  
1. **SELF-MONITOR** for symptoms for 14 days. May continue to work with appropriate PPE and IPC measures.  
If HCW asymptomatic and partially immunized or unimmunized:  
1. **SELF-ISOLATE** for 10 days  
2. **NOTIFY** supervisor/delegate  
3. **SELF-MONITOR** for symptoms for 14 days  
Exceptions may be made by the MHO or their delegate for staff considered critical on a case-by-case basis by a health care operational lead. See accompanying guidance document for details.  
If HCW develops symptoms,  
1. **SELF-ISOLATE** (until cleared for return to work)  
2. **NOTIFY** supervisor/delegate  
3. **TEST** – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC |
| Perform AGMP + Wore mask + eye protection | HIGH RISK | If HCW asymptomatic and fully immunized\(^3\):  
1. **SELF-MONITOR** for symptoms for 14 days. May continue to work with appropriate PPE and IPC measures.  
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1. Appropriate PPE = PPE recommended to provide direct care to COVID-19 patients including a medical mask, eye protection, gown and gloves, and N95 respirator if performing an aerosol-generating medical procedure.  
2. Risk level may increase for not wearing gloves and gown if there was extensive body contact with the patient’s body fluids.  
3. Fully immunized = More than 7 days after receiving a second dose of vaccine in a two-dose series; OR more than 21 days after receiving a dose in a single dose series. See [guidance](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/bcgos/health/services/covid-19/whs/provincial-guidance.html) (definition 5) for more information.