



BC 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](#).

STEP 1:
Determine HCW PPE level

STEP 2:
Determine patient exposure scenario

STEP 3:
Determine risk level

STEP 4:
Implement recommended measures

Exposure Scenario		Exposure Risk	Recommendation	
HCW PPE	PATIENT			
-	2m distance	NO RISK	<p><u>Not</u> considered a close contact.</p> <p>If HCW asymptomatic,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CONTINUE to work, follow general precautions for all HCW No further follow-up required by WHS 	
	Less than 15 mins			
All appropriate PPE ¹	Wore mask		LOW RISK	<p>If HCW develops symptoms,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EXCLUDE from work + SELF-ISOLATE (until cleared for return to work) NOTIFY supervisor/delegate TEST – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC
	NO mask			
No gloves/gown (but wore mask + eye protection) ²	Wore mask	LOW RISK		<p>If HCW asymptomatic,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CONTINUE to work SELF-MONITOR for symptoms for 14 days
	NO mask			
No mask/ No eye protection	Wore mask		HIGH RISK	<p>If HCW develops symptoms,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EXCLUDE from work + SELF-ISOLATE (until cleared for return to work) NOTIFY supervisor/delegate TEST – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC
	Perform AGMP + Wore mask + eye protection			
No PPE	Wore mask	HIGH RISK		<p>If HCW asymptomatic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EXCLUDE from work + SELF-ISOLATE for 14 days NOTIFY supervisor/delegate SELF-MONITOR for symptoms <p><i>*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.</i></p>
	NO mask			
No mask/ No eye protection	NO mask		HIGH RISK	<p>If HCW develops symptoms,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EXCLUDE from work + SELF-ISOLATE (until cleared for return to work) NOTIFY supervisor/delegate TEST – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC
	Active cough			
Perform AGMP + No N95 respirator or mask/ No eye protection	-	HIGH RISK		<p>If HCW develops symptoms,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EXCLUDE from work + SELF-ISOLATE (until cleared for return to work) NOTIFY supervisor/delegate TEST – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC
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HCW and patient were more than 2m apart during entire interaction
 Patient-provider interaction lasted less than 15 minutes (may be cumulative)
 Patient wore a mask during entire interaction
 Patient did NOT wear a mask
 Patient had active cough or cough-inducing procedure performed (e.g. swabbing)

- 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.
- Risk level may increase for not wearing gloves and gown if there was extensive body contact with the patient's body fluids.

