The patient

- What are the patient’s symptoms (e.g., frequent coughing or sneezing)?
- Does the patient require additional precautions (droplet, contact, airborne) for infectious agents?
- What is the patient’s health status (e.g., immunocompromised)?
- Is the patient able to practice respiratory etiquette and perform hand hygiene?

The task

- What type of task am I carrying out (e.g., providing direct face-to-face care, performing an aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP), coming into contact with body fluids, personal care, non-clinical interaction)?
- Am I trained, equipped and ready for the task?

The environment

- Where am I doing my task?
- Is there triage or screening?
- Is the patient in a separate room? Is the bathroom shared?
- Can physical distancing be maintained?
- Is there cleaning and disinfection?

Choose appropriate actions and PPE including the following:

- Hand hygiene (e.g., before and after a task, before and after PPE use, before and after contact with patient).
- Respiratory etiquette (e.g., support the patient to cover their coughs with a tissue or their elbow).
- Patient placement (e.g., prioritize a patient with risks for infectious agents a single room where possible).
- Physical distancing (e.g., encourage the patient to maintain a two metre physical distance if direct care is not involved).
- Environmental and equipment cleaning and disinfection (e.g., clean re-usable equipment between each use).
- Implement additional precautions if required (e.g., droplet and contact precautions for COVID-19).
- Select appropriate pieces of PPE, as outlined below.

Selecting PPE

Wear a mask as per the provincial mask use in health-care settings policy. Wear eye protection if entering the patient/exam room or bed space or when within 2 metres of a patient.

If additional precautions (i.e., droplet, contact, airborne) are in place, put on all required PPE.

1. Could my hands be exposed to blood or body fluids?
   - Yes: Wear gloves

2. Could my eyes or face be splashed/sprayed with blood or body fluids?
   - Yes: Wear medical mask and eye protection

3. Could my clothing or skin come into contact with blood or body fluids, including splashes/sprays?
   - Yes: Wear gown

4. Is there a risk of airborne transmission (e.g., tuberculosis, performing an AGMP on a patient with COVID-19 risk)?
   - Yes: Wear N95 respirator or equivalent

Access to additional PPE, such as respirators, will be provided in circumstances where a HCW determines there is elevated risk of COVID-19 transmission through patient interaction. *HCW must be fit-tested. Follow additional measures outlined in local health authority guidelines to minimize risk.