



Health Advisory:

Eye Protection for Health Care Personnel During Moderate-to-Substantial COVID-19 Transmission

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Situational Update

In July 2020 CDC updated its recommendations for eye protection to be used by healthcare personnel (HCP) working in geographic areas with moderate to substantial COVID-19 transmission.

Recommendations

At present, and during future periods of [moderate to substantial](#) COVID-19 transmission in San Francisco,

1. For aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) as well as procedures where there is the potential for splashes and sprays, eye protection in the form of either face shields or goggles is recommended for all persons in the room.
2. For all other patient contact activities, regardless of distance, eye protection is recommended unless a physical barrier is in place. Eye protection may be in the form of safety glasses or surgical eye shields (also known as trauma glasses). HCP already wearing a face shield or goggles do NOT need to switch to safety glasses or surgical eye shields.

For additional details, and to see photo examples of the different forms of eye protection (face shields, goggles, safety glasses, surgical eye shields), please reference the Memo on Eye Protection for HCP at www.sfcdcp.org/hcpPPE.

Additional Resources

See CDC infection control recommendations for HCP:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>