Types of Eye Protection and Instructions for Use

As of August 3, 2020, all SCCA staff are to wear eye protection when interacting with patients, in addition to other PPE (mask, gloves). There are four types of eye protection: reusable face shield, disposable face shield, goggles and protective glasses. These are all stocked in clinic clean utility rooms and provider work areas, along with storage bags.

Infection Prevention’s preference is that a face shield be used, but if you are unable to wear one, you may opt for another type of Infection Prevention-approved eye protection as listed.

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**Reusable face shield**

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**Disposable face shield**

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**Goggles**

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**Protective glasses**

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**Process for safe removal of eye protection:**

Upon removal of eye protection, HCP will disinfect the eye protection prior to storage or reuse:

- Prior to removing eye protection, perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves.
- Clean eye protection with alcohol cleaner and a microfiber cloth. If a surface is needed to perform cleaning, ensure that the surface is wiped with a clean disinfectant wipe before and after cleaning the eye protection.
- The used microfiber cloth needs to go into a soiled laundry bin.
- Remove gloves, dispose of them and perform hand hygiene.
- If there is residue on the eye protection, it can be removed with a water-dampened paper towel or washcloth/towel.

Notes:
- Following disinfection and drying time, if individuals so choose, eye protection may be discreetly labeled with permanent marker and stored in provided storage bags, a clean personal bag belonging to the staff member, or reused immediately as appropriate.
- Hand hygiene is required prior to donning and after doffing eye protection.
- If exiting a Droplet, Contact, or Airborne and Contact Precaution room, eye protection must be disinfected immediately (with alcohol cleaner) prior to entering the next patient’s room.
- If exiting a Contact Enteric precaution room, bleach wipes will be used to clean the eye protection. Residue can be removed with water-dampened paper towel or washcloth/towel.
- For staff and providers who travel between SCCA clinics and other sites (UWMC, community sites), eye protection shall be cleaned as outlined above and transported to other sites and back to SCCA clinics in provided storage bag or a clean personal bag.