Doffing and Disinfecting PAPR with CSO (Caregiver Safety Officer)

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Caregiver doffing of gown and gloves takes place just inside the patient room at the door, before leaving the care area. PAPRs are removed and disinfected just outside of the patient care area with support from the Caregiver Safety Officer (CSO).

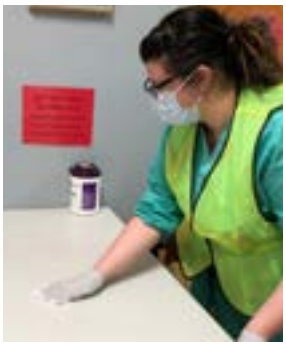
Doffing and disinfecting

1 Caregiver:

- Doffs gown and gloves before leaving the patient's room.
- Unfastens ties or break by pulling carefully at the front of the gown.
- Carefully, peels off gown and gloves from the inside out, rolls it up and discards. (Do not push down into trash to avoid risk of contamination.)
- **Performs hand hygiene. Exits patient care area.**

EXIT

2 Caregiver and CSO:

- **Perform hand hygiene** and don clean gloves. Caregiver then:
  - Disinfects the clear plastic visor and chin area of the hood with a wipe, taking care to not contaminate the neck.
  - Removes gloves, **performs hand hygiene**, and dons clean gloves.
  - Taking care not to bump it, carefully backs up to "dirty" table and unfastens PAPR belt.
- CSO grabs the back of the hood where the hose attaches.
- Caregiver grabs chin of the hood and, in coordination with CSO, removes the hood from the face and lifts it off the head. The CSO maintains control of the hood.

- Caregiver steps away from table, discards gloves, and **performs hand hygiene**.
- CSO turns off PAPR motor and disconnects the hood, hose, motor, and battery.
- **Using a new wipe for each task**, the CSO disinfects the PAPR components in this order:
  1. Inside of the hood.
  2. Outside of the hood, placing it on the "clean" surface to dry.
  3. Hose, placing it on the "clean" surface to dry.
  4. PAPR motor, belt, and battery, placing on the "clean" surface to dry.
  5. "Dirty" table and wipe container.
- When complete, the CSO doffs gloves and **performs hand hygiene**.