

For Caregivers Doing In-person Screenings at DRIVE THRU SITES

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Intermountain's highest priority remains the safety of all caregivers when interacting with persons under investigation (PUIs) and COVID-19 positive patients. When PPE is used properly, the possibility of COVID-19 exposure can be prevented.

If you are a caregiver doing in-person screenings at drive thru sites, follow these PPE Guidelines:

Type of Patient Contact:	PPE:
If no patient contact (talking to them in the car)	Wear mask and eye protection
If you're touching patient	Wear mask, eye protection, gown, and gloves
If you're doing the sample collection	Wear PAPR, gown, and gloves

When should you reuse PPE?

If you're doing the assessment and:

- The patient is in the car
- You do not touch the patient
- You do not get sneezed or coughed on

You should be able to continue to use the same mask and eye protection.

If you're doing the sample collection:

- Clean the PAPR hood between each sample collection
- Gowns and gloves should be changed between each collection

If you're wearing an apron, remove apron between each patient, wipe down the arms of the gown with appropriate wipe before reapplying the next apron. This may be repeated for 5 apron exchanges or the sleeves of the gown begin to get wet.

If you get sneezed or coughed on, then clean the eye protection and place on a new mask. See [How to Wear a Mask](#) for more information.

Intermountain is focused on keeping you safe. As we work together, we must preserve these valuable supplies for the time when we'll need them most. For more information on PPE guidelines and how to use it, see the [PPE and Masking Toolkit page](#) on Intermountain.net.