

NOTE: This update includes user feedback for more detail in the doffing sequence to better avoid cross contamination. When wearing a PAPR respirator, do not wear face or eye makeup of any kind as it interferes with the cleaning and disinfecting process. Facial hair around the face and chin may interfere with the seal. Remove or trim facial hair in these areas to ensure a proper seal.

If using a washable isolation gown, refer to the [Donning and Doffing: Washable isolation gown, gloves](#) instructions.

Donning

Donning takes place outside the patient care area or in an anteroom.

1 Ensure gloves, disinfecting wipes, and a garbage can are placed just outside the room.

For doffing, ensure that an isolation cart or work surface is available just outside the patient room. The isolation cart or work surface will need a clearly designated “clean” area and “dirty” area to prevent cross contamination.

Booties and hair nets are not needed for COVID-19 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) or COVID-19 positive patients.

2 Perform hand hygiene before donning PAPR.



3 PAPR

- Inspect motor blower, battery level, breathing tube, and filter.
- Turn on blower. Perform flow check with flow indicator. Refer to the attached altitude chart for the correct flow. Do not use PAPR if flow check fails.
- Attach breathing tube to blower.
- Fasten blower belt around the waist.
- Inspect and attach headcover.
- Place headcover over your head and ensure it is sealed underneath the chin and around face.



4 Gown

- Inspect and don isolation gown.
- Fasten behind neck and waist. Ensure back and PAPR are covered.

5 Gloves

- Don gloves.
- Ensure glove covers cuff of isolation gown.



Doffing

- 1 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.**

Your PPE may be contaminated. Avoid contamination of self, others, and environment when removing. If gown or headcover are grossly contaminated, wipe with disinfectant wipe before removing.

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Gown and Gloves

- Unfasten ties or break by pulling carefully at the front of the gown.
- Carefully, peel off gown and gloves from the inside out, roll up and discard. Do not push down into trash to avoid risk of contamination.
- **Perform hand hygiene. Exit patient care area.**



EXIT

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PAPR

- **Perform hand hygiene.** Don clean gloves.
- Use a wipe to disinfect the field of vision and under the chin of the headcover to minimize risk of contamination.
- Remove your gloves. **Perform hand hygiene.** Don clean gloves.
- Unfasten the PAPR Belt and set blower on the designated dirty surface. Next, carefully remove headcover. Avoid contaminating your face and mucus membranes. Then, set on the designated "dirty" surface.
- Remove your gloves. **Perform hand hygiene.** Don clean gloves for disinfecting the PAPR.
- Detach all PAPR components. Disinfect components using orange-top wipes. **DO NOT USE GRAY OR PURPLE-TOP WIPES.**
 - Ensure the wet (contact) times are met according to the wipes used: orange = 4 min.
- Disinfect breathing tube. Place in clean storage area.
- With a new wipe, disinfect belt, blower, and battery. Place in clean area.
- Using a new wipe, disinfect the inside of headcover.
- With a new wipe, disinfect the outside of headcover.
- Place in designated "clean" storage area.
- Disinfect designated "dirty" work surface and wipe dispenser.
- Remove gloves and discard. **Perform hand hygiene.**

