

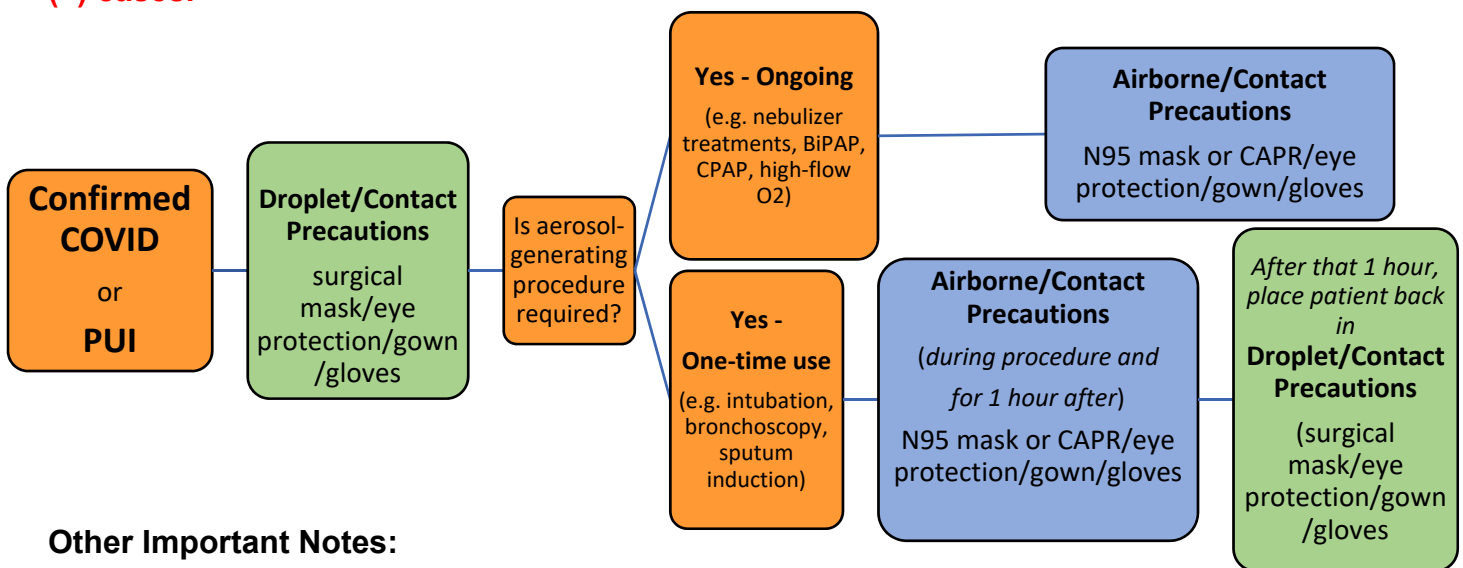
# Guidance on Precautions and Mask Use for COVID-19

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Harbor-UCLA is committed to ensuring the safety of our staff. We are following the latest evidence and guidelines in our recommendation for PPE use. We must ensure that staff use PPE as indicated below to ensure staff safety and conserve mask availability.

This flow chart applies to suspect (AKA “PUI” = “Person Under Investigation”) or confirmed COVID-19 patients only.

**\* Note: Mask, eye protection, gown, and gloves are required for all PUIs and confirmed (+) cases.**



## Other Important Notes:

- Surgical and N95 masks are kept at the nurses' station. Please ask for a mask if you need one, as recommended above.
- **For confirmed (+) or suspect (PUI) COVID-19 patients:**
  - **Airborne Precautions:** use N-95 mask (**one-time use**)
  - **Droplet Precautions:** use surgical mask (**one-time use**)
- **For Airborne Precaution patients that are NOT COVID (+) and NOT a PUI:**
  - **N95 mask reuse is acceptable**
  - Reuse an N-95 mask up to 5 times in a given shift
  - It may be used between patients (including TB and other pathogens)
  - Each time you remove the mask, place in a paper bag (available on the units) and write your name on the bag
  - After the fifth use (or if mask becomes soiled/damaged/damp/difficult to breathe through) discard the mask and bag
- Perform hand hygiene before donning and after removal of the mask.