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### **Eye Protection Now Mandatory in Patient Rooms**

*By Rhonda Susman and Dr. Dinesh John*

Eye protection, in the form of goggles or a face shield, is now mandatory for all staff while in patient rooms for any length of time, along with the use of a mask that covers the nose and mouth. Eye protection helps to reduce the risk of COVID transmission via the eyes and mucous membranes. Eye protection is available for all staff seeing patients in all patient care areas, and should be cleaned after each use with hospital approved detergent disinfectant wipes. It may be worn until the integrity of the item is no longer intact. Eye protection is not to be shared between healthcare professionals.

Your safety is our top priority. Please ensure that you follow universal COVID-19 precautions by using hospital-approved PPE, and by performing routine hand-hygiene.

If you have any questions, please contact Infection Prevention at [AskTeamIC@upstate.edu](mailto:AskTeamIC@upstate.edu).

*(Policy referenced: COV P-08)*

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