



## COVID-19 Child Care Centre Operation Recommendations for the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Child Care Centres

For non-healthcare settings the use of PPE should be considered based on a risk assessment of the task, the individual and environment. PPE should be changed when it becomes contaminated, including when it becomes visibly torn, soiled or wet. Any Government guidance documents for your specific sector should be followed.

### Key Recommendations:

- All adults in a child care setting (i.e., child care staff, home child care providers, home child care visitors, and students) are required to wear medical masks and eye protection (i.e., face shield) while inside in the child care premises, including in hallways.
- All children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside in the child care premises, including in hallways
- Droplet and Contact Precautions are recommended for the care of someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19.
- N95 respirators are not indicated for use in child care settings.

Staff Role	Type of PPE required
Screeener	Droplet and Contact Precautions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical/Procedure Masks</li> <li>• Re-useable face shields or goggles</li> <li>• Gowns (optional)</li> <li>• Gloves (optional). If not wearing gloves, need to practice hand washing</li> </ul>
Staff member in cohorts	Working in cohort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical/Procedure Masks</li> <li>• Re-useable face shields or goggles</li> </ul> Providing care for a sick child (suspect case of COVID-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical/Procedure Masks</li> <li>• Re-useable face shields or goggles</li> <li>• Gowns</li> <li>• Gloves. If not wearing gloves, need to practice hand washing</li> </ul> Cleanup of bodily fluids with the risk of splashing/soiling of clothing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical/Procedure Masks</li> <li>• Re-useable face shields or goggles</li> <li>• Gowns</li> <li>• Gloves</li> </ul>
Environmental staff/ staff moving in-between classrooms	All staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical/Procedure Masks</li> <li>• Re-useable face shields or goggles</li> </ul>

*Adapted from the City of Hamilton, Healthy & Safe Communities Department, Children's Services & Neighbourhood Development Division*

### Resources:

Ontario Health. May 10, 2020. Optimizing the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accessed from: [https://www.wdgppublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/HCP/ontario\\_health\\_recommendations\\_on\\_optimizing\\_personal\\_protective\\_equipment\\_during\\_the\\_covid-19\\_pandemic\\_rev10may20\\_pdf\\_004.pdf](https://www.wdgppublichealth.ca/sites/default/files/file-attachments/HCP/ontario_health_recommendations_on_optimizing_personal_protective_equipment_during_the_covid-19_pandemic_rev10may20_pdf_004.pdf)

Public Health Ontario. May 3, 2020. Technical Brief: IPAC Recommendations for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for Care of Individuals with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19. Accessed from: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/updated-ipac-measures-covid-19.pdf?la=en>.