



## QUINTE HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

### **Appendix A, Policy OH&S 6.5/IPAC 3-36 Departmental Protective Equipment Needs Assessment and Selection**

1. In order to assess the need for a mask, conduct a walk-through survey of the workplace to identify hazards that are both droplet and potentially infectious in nature. Consideration should be given to:
  - patient presence (known/known interactions with diagnosis).
  - potentially infectious (spray/splatter/airborne).
  - procedures performed in the work environment.
  - is this work in an Operating Room or some other sterile environment or procedure?
  - is the patient a coughing risk?
  - can the patient be assessed to wear a mask according to their medical condition?
2. During the walk-through survey, be observant for:
  - sources of patient contact (duration, type, other controls).
  - sources of motion.
  - will visitors require similar precautions.
3. Review QHC standard/policies/resource manuals for further information and expectations.
4. Assess the hazards in the environment to properly select protective equipment and storage of masks. Consider the possibility of exposure to several hazards simultaneously.
5. Communicate mask protection requirements to all personnel and keep records of all communications.
6. Reassess workplace hazards annually, and as conditions/standards change.
7. Review same standards post-incident with the intent to improve the standard and/or compliance.