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Hosting Organization: Washington State Hospital Association

Call Name: Clinician Support Call

Call Date: 5/5/2020

The recording is available on the WSHA website [here](#).

1. **Physical distancing:** Physical distancing is the most effective method to limit exposure. PPE is the least effective method and must be used in tandem with other prevention methods. Ideas include: 6 feet spacing at least, triaging outside and away from other patients, clear plastic barriers when 6 feet distance is not possible.

Infectious Diseases Society of America Guidelines on Infection Prevention in Patients with Suspected or Known COVID-19: <https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/covid-19-guideline-infection-prevention/>

2. **Testing:** If tests administered correctly the false negative rate is very low. Concerns about staff not being trained properly to administer tests. Antibody testing has been stood up in several labs across WA. We still don't know what a positive anti-body test means regarding immunity. Tests being used at UW are qualitative not quantitative

The following tests can be ordered through UW Medicine - <https://depts.washington.edu/uwviro/>

- COVID-19 Antibody (Serologic) Test
- SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) PCR Test

3. **Personal protective equipment (PPE) reprocessing:** UVC and hydroperoxide both effective and a useful way to prolong N-95 stock. While PPE supply has improved, supply chains are still concerning and requests to state still outweigh the available supply. Hospital supplies vary across WA. Still need to use conservation strategies. Expecting more demand as healthcare system opens up.

PPE Updates

- [Use Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) When Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) and for Patients with Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Washington State Prioritization Guidelines for Allocation of PPE \(PDF\)](#) - Updated 4/13/2020
- [Washington State PPE Conservation Strategies \(PDF\)](#) - Updated 4/23/2020
- [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE \(CDC\)](#)
- [Reuse of PPE \(PDF\)](#)

4. **Interpretive Statement Related to Proclamation by the Governor 20-24, Restrictions on Non-Urgent Medical Procedures:** <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Non->



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Weekly, Tuesday May 12 10:30am

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