

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Physicians and Staff

FROM: Infection Prevention and Control and
Occupational Health and Safety

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SUBJECT: Universal Eye Protection

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The Regional Infection Prevention and Control Committee is now recommending universal eye protection in all Healthcare Settings for all patient interactions.

Effective **Monday November 2nd, 2020**, all Staff and Physicians must wear eye protection at all times when interacting with patients, regardless of the patient's isolation status.

Acceptable forms of eye protection include:

- Disposable or reusable face shields
- Mask with attached visor
- Reusable or disposable goggles
- PRH approved safety glasses

Use of eye protection can be extended (similar to masks) and should be changed when soiled or damaged. Reusable eye protection must be cleaned and properly stored when removed, including when going for meal breaks or at the end of shift. For more information, please see the "Universal Masking and Eye Protection during COVID-19 Pandemic" Policy.

For staff and Physicians who wish to purchase safety glasses or goggles at their own expense, see the attached list of PRH approved options.

Approved Eye Protection

Safety Glasses	Safety Goggles
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Approved Models	Approved Models
Uvex Astrospec 3000, 3000s, 3001 OTG	Uvex Stealth
Uvex Ultra-Spec 1000	3M Goggle Gear 500, Centurion 454
Pyramex OTS, Capture	
Uline OTG	
3M Tour Guard	
OTG – Over the glasses – mean they fit over most prescription eyewear	

Look for:

Top shield/brow guard

Optional – adjustable arms for custom fit



Side shield/no vents

Look for:

Rubber or silicone seal – no foam



Indirect venting

Appropriate Fit

Please note that an approved model is not guaranteed to fit. For proper fit, eye protection should:

- Provide coverage vertically (up and down) from the eyebrow to the cheekbone and extend horizontally (side to side) to the outside of the face and eyes.
- Fit over the temples and ears comfortably.
- Have the frame as close to the face as possible, such that gaps between the protection and the face are minimized and be adequately supported by the bridge of the nose.
- Not interfere with field of view