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REUSING EYE PROTECTION

Extended use of eye protection is the practice of wearing the same eye protection for an extended period of time or for repeated close contact encounters with several different patients. Extended use of eye protection can be applied to disposable and reusable devices, and requires proper techniques for reprocessing. Reprocessing refers to the steps performed to prepare a used device for reuse (e.g. cleaning and disinfection).

- Eye protection should be removed and reprocessed if it becomes visibly soiled or difficult to see through or when you are removing it and planning to store it for later use.
 - If a disposable face shield is reprocessed, it should be dedicated to one employee/contractor and reprocessed whenever it is visibly soiled or removed.
- Eye protection should be discarded if damaged (e.g., if face shield can no longer fasten securely to the provider, if visibility is obscured and reprocessing does not restore visibility).
- Staff/contractors should make efforts to not to touch their eye protection. If necessary to adjust, they should perform hand hygiene before and after touching their eye protection.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Adhere to recommended manufacturer instructions for cleaning and disinfection.

When manufacturer instructions for cleaning and disinfection are unavailable, such as for single use disposable face shields, consider the following.

1. Assess eye protection for the ability to reprocess (assess items for cracks, damage, or pieces that might not be able to be cleaned, such as a foam or fabric).
2. If leaving a room requiring droplet precautions, follow all doffing procedure steps.
3. Place eye protection that is to be cleaned and reprocessed on a designated surface in preparation to be cleaned (e.g. on a paper towel that will be discarded or a surface to be cleaned immediately after the reprocessing procedure).
4. Perform hand hygiene¹.
5. To remove any soil, wash the eye protection with soap and water and continue with the remaining steps for disinfection. Alternatively, if using hospital-grade cleaning and disinfectant products, use one wipe to clean and a second wipe to disinfect, as follows.
6. Carefully wipe the inside of the face shield or goggles first, moving from 'clean' to 'dirty', using an Accel wipe or Ultra Swipe (or approved alternate product).
7. Carefully wipe the outside of the face shield or goggles using an Accel wipe or Ultra Swipe (or approved alternate product). Ensure all surfaces are covered.
8. Allow the eye protection to air dry ensuring contact times for the cleaning product are followed, according to manufacturer's instructions.
9. Place on a clean, dry surface and perform hand hygiene.
10. If there is a residue from the disinfectant, wipe the outside of face shield or goggles with clean water to remove (only after the disinfection process is complete).
11. Ensure that all surfaces of the eye protection are dry before donning again. Perform hand hygiene before donning the eye protection again.
12. Ensure any all contaminated surfaces in which soiled eye protection have touched have been cleaned and disinfected.
13. If storing for future use, store in a designated clean area.

¹ Use gloves if the cleaning product manufacturer recommends or if hands are sensitive to the cleaning product. Always perform hand hygiene after removing gloves.