PPE Recommendations for an “Open Unit” with COVID and NON COVID Patients

- Regardless of COVID status mask and eye protection MUST be worn with ALL patients.
- **All COVID patient rooms must have door CLOSED**
- Gown, gloves and eye protection to be worn for all COVID patients. Use appropriate masks as outlined below. (Special Precautions)
  - Patient is on 0-6 liters of oxygen:
    - PAPR/N95 is NOT required
    - May ambulate in the hall if masked and accompanied by a healthcare worker in proper PPE
  - Patient is on 7-15 liters of oxygen AND is stable:
    - PAPR/N95 is NOT required
    - Can stay in a regular room
    - CANNOT ambulate in the hallways
  - Aerosol Generating procedures: (Airvo/Optiflow, CPR/Intubation/Extubation/CPAP-BiPAP/ sputum induction or suction/Bronchoscopy/*nebulizer treatment)
    - PAPR/N95 is required
    - Move to negative air pressure room
    - If negative pressure room is not available then nursing and critical care administration to evaluate need for co-horted unit
  *If scheduled neb. Treatments –keep N95/PAPR required sign on door

- Doffing PPE
  - Remove gown and gloves inside the patient room then exit
  - Perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves
  - Clean/take off eye protection and place on clean surface
  - Doff gloves and perform hand hygiene
  - Don clean mask and eye protection

- Have a large trash can in the room for doffing
- Special precaution sign should be placed on the outside of the patient door (see DSA)
  - Patients that are on Airvo/Optiflow will have additional signage on door to identify Airborne precautions
- NO visitors are allowed in COVID positive rooms at this time
- Ok for cosigns completed outside of positive rooms at this time

**Encourage patients to wear masks while providers are in the rooms**