

SUGGESTED COVID PATIENT INTUBATION PROCEDURE

Out of Room Preparation

Team

- Assign roles: In room Airway manager, RT and nurse.
- Runner Nurse, runner RT and runner airway manager. If necessary, runner airway could be RT if two expert airway managers unavailable.
- Runners also act as PPE monitors to ensure PPE is worn appropriately

PPE

- Consider pre-made PPE packs that could be easily grabbed with all essentials.
- In room: N-95 with cover mask or PAPR, Face shield or goggles, hair cover, impermeable gown or coverall, double glove.
- Airway runner also wears full PPE as fully prepared back-up.
- Runner's PPE can be reused if they remain outside the room.

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

- Have all necessary airway equipment available.
- Consider pre-assembled airway bags/boxes that will be immediately restocked after procedure.
- Only necessary supplies will enter room with anticipated backup supplies selected and held by airway runner.
- Two-way communication device if possible for primary team to communicate with exterior runners.

LOCATION & TIMING

- Consider early intubation. Hypoxia with minimal reserves expected. Do not expect to see significantly increased work of breathing.
- Perform intubation in negative pressure room whenever possible.