

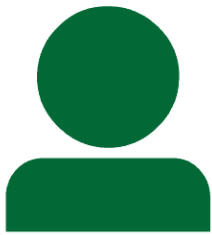


Can you reuse face shields?

In an effort to preserve our current supply of protective eyewear and ensure staff have access to the necessary PPE to perform safe patient care, the reuse of face shields will be permitted as long as staff are able to comply with the principles below. If the face shield is visibly contaminated or soiled, dispose of it.

Please note: These measures are temporary during COVID-19 to preserve supply.

Guiding Principles:



Face shields are dedicated to a single person only (no sharing).

Face shields should be disinfected after each use.



Safely store face shields between uses during your shift.

Discard face shield when required.



Example: When the headband no longer functions properly or the visor becomes cloudy

How to Disinfect Face Shields:

- Perform hand hygiene
- Don a new pair of exam gloves
- Using one disinfectant wipe at a time, first squeeze excess disinfectant into sink to prevent splash to face.
- Thoroughly wipe the interior, followed by the foam band (if it has one), strap exterior and exterior of visor.
- Ensure all surfaces remain wet with disinfectant for at least one minute (or appropriate contact time)
- Rinse the face shield with water if visibility is compromised by residual disinfectant
- Place face shield on a clean surface to dry (or use clean absorbent towel)
- Remove gloves
- Perform hand hygiene
- Store in a way that reduces the risk of possible contamination – this could be in a clean Ziploc bag or in a sanitized drawer
- **Dispose of the entire face shield at the end of your shift.**
- NOTE: For face shields (Clear Choice) that are manufactured as two separate pieces (headband and detachable plastic visor); the headband can be re-used for the duration of shift by a single person. Visor can be replaced separately if necessary. Entire face shield should be discarded at end of shift.