

# Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Selection

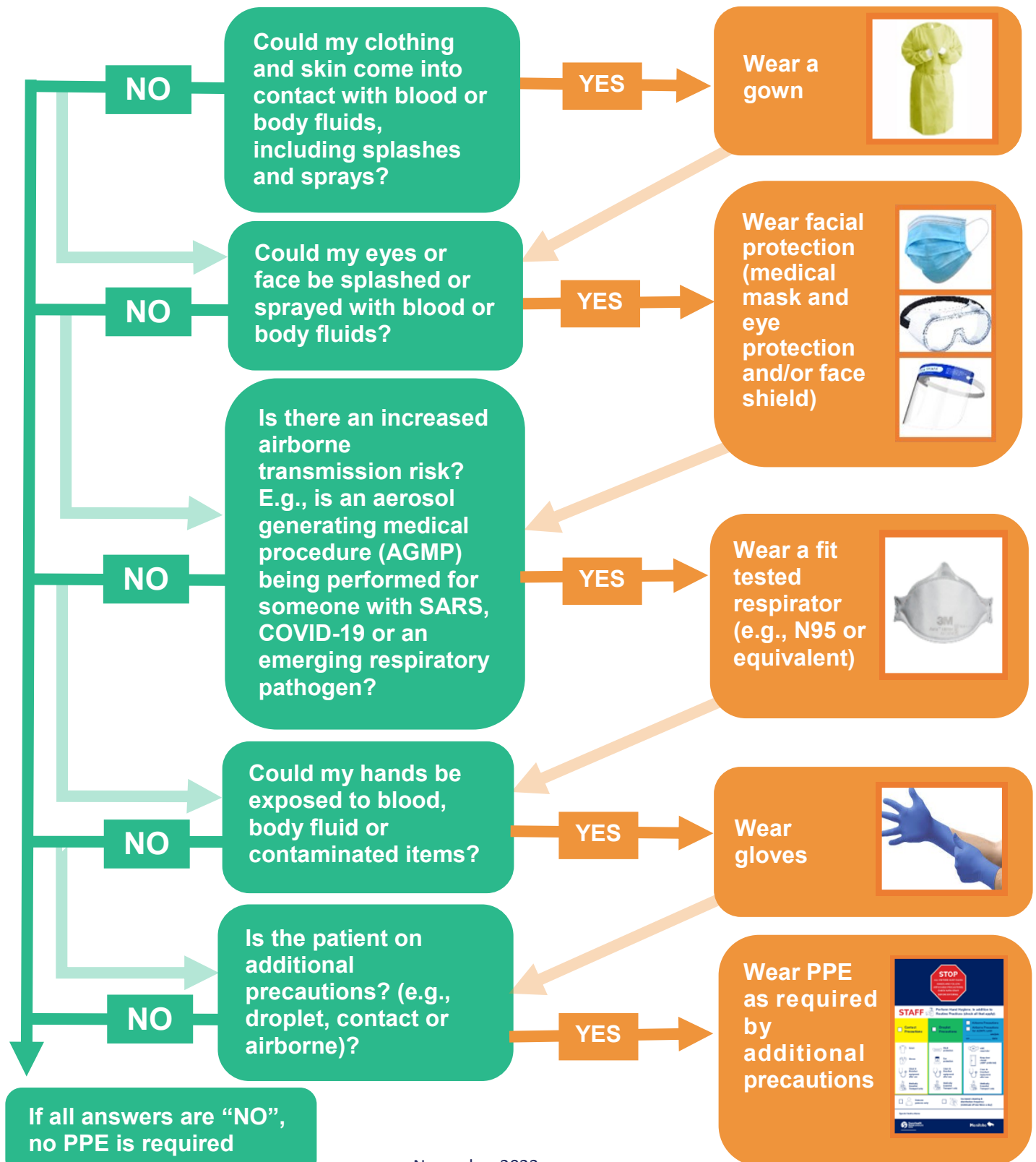


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\*Perform Hand Hygiene before accessing any clean supplies

\*Follow all provincial and organizational masking policies

\*Choose PPE based on risk assessment of the anticipated situation and environment



# Do a POINT OF CARE RISK ASSESSMENT (PCRA)

**When choosing your PPE before each Patient/Resident/Client (PRC) interaction, ASK YOURSELF:**

## What is the PRC doing?

- Coughing, sneezing, vomiting or having any other signs or symptoms of an infection?
- Is the PRC on additional precautions?
- Are they cooperative and able to follow direction?
- Do they understand what is going on? Are they oriented? Is there a language barrier?
- Can they perform hand hygiene? Cover their cough? Wear a mask if needed?



## What am I doing? What is my task?

- Am I going to have contact with the PRC or their environment?
- Will there be an aerosol generating medial procedure (AGMP)?
- Will I come in contact with blood or body fluid?



## What environment am I working in?

- For example: An Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR)? A home? The street?
- Is there physical dirt, clutter or infestations?
- Can the area be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly?



**These questions will help you choose the personal protective equipment you need to wear to do your task and keep you safe.**