

Newborn Transport from DR to NICU for COVID PUI Infant

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Enhanced droplet precautions for all PUI infants
(Eye protection, Gloves, Gown, Surgical mask)
N-95*/PAPR use as indicated in NICU Resus Team
PPE Requirements in L&D document

*N95 should be covered with
secondary surgical mask unless face
shield is used for eye protection

Resus strategy as per COVID OB Protocol

If provider present, they should complete
physical exam prior to removing PPE to decrease
need to reapply in NICU, if possible

After resuscitation, one team member doffs all
PPE except mask & eye protection, performs
hand hygiene, obtains transport isolette (avoid
contamination of outside of isolette)

Second team member (still in resus PPE) places
infant in transport isolette

If infant requires PPV/mask CPAP via Neo-T, or
other intervention requiring staff to enter
portholes, one staff member to remain in
enhanced droplet PPE to perform these tasks

Remaining resus staff remove PPE except mask
& eye protection, perform hand hygiene, don
clean gloves

Upon arrival in NICU, staff remove gloves,
perform hand hygiene, then anyone in patient
room dons enhanced droplet PPE prior to
removing patient from transport isolette

Staff do not need N95 during initial admission
process, as pulmonary infection unlikely at
birth**. For infants remaining on NIV or
Invasive ventilation beyond 1h of age, follow
NICU Visitation, Isolation, Testing, DC Procedure
document

**Staff or providers caring for
COVID PUI/+ infants not undergoing
AGPs may wear N95/PAPR at their
discretion if they prefer