

# EYE PROTECTION GUIDELINES FOR UI HEALTH CARE FACULTY AND STAFF

**Eye protection is recommended by the CDC during patient care. Eye protection is required during the care of patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.**

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## Face shields

**Face shields are the preferred personal protective equipment (PPE) for eye protection during most clinical situations** while we provide care for patients within UI Health Care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Face shields provide the best coverage of both the eyes and face.

### **An acceptable face shield must:**

1. Extend to at least the chin level
2. Limit the space between the forehead and face shield as much as possible
3. Wrap around the face far enough to protect the corners of the eyes

## Alternative eye protection

If wearing a face shield makes it difficult to perform job duties, alternative eye protection may be worn instead.

### **Acceptable alternative eye protection must:**

- Limit the space between the eye protection and the brow as much as possible
- Fit snugly to the sides of the face or have side shields such that the eyes are protected from the side
- If a health care worker wears prescription eyeglasses, the eye protection must be able to accommodate their glasses. Individually purchased prescription safety glasses are acceptable if they meet the above criteria.
- Surgical mask with splash shield is recommended to be used in OR/procedural areas only.

# EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE EYE PROTECTION IN STORES INCLUDE:

Light weight face shields:



Speyes eye shield (Two-piece system: shield and frame)



Items not in Hospital Stores but acceptable for use:

Art to Frames



Iowa MADE shield

