

COVID-19 Update
November 13, 2020

ATTENTION: RN's

ONA Local 100 has been advocating since the beginning of the pandemic that:

- The precautionary principle be applied set out by Justice Campbell during SARS
- There has been scientific evidence that COVID-19 is airborne
- that N95 respirators be worn with suspect/confirmed COVID 19 cases regardless of AGMPs being preformed

Now, the World Health Organization, CDC, and the Public Health Agency of Canada have confirmed what ONA has been saying for months. The mode of **transmission of COVID 19** is both droplet and **airborne aerosols generated by coughing and sneezing.**

ONA Local 100 **strongly recommends** a **N95** respirator and/or equivalent protection be worn when caring for **suspect/confirmed COVID-19 patients, in units declared in outbreak, and hot zones.**

Under Directive Number Five, the Point of Care Risk Assessment supports nurses to determine the level of **PPE to be worn and will not be unreasonably denied.**

Remember your right to refuse unsafe work. Please contact the union office, we will support you through the process.



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