**PPE Guardian**

**SUMMARY**

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guardian role serves as a guide and resource for team members related to distribution, donning and doffing, and auditing of PPE practice, as well as data collection and adherence to the COVID-19 policy and all quality patient care practices.

**Role Responsibilities**

*While serving in this role, team member may be called upon to perform any or all of the following responsibilities. These examples may not include all of the functions which the team member may be expected to perform.*

1. Promote team member safety by educating team members on utilizing proper PPE requirements and resources, ensuring they are aware of supporting literature for decisions incorporated into the CHCO COVID-19 policy.
2. Educate, monitor, and audit donning and doffing practices of team members. Educate, inform, and correct PPE practices in real time. Assist team members in understanding the disease transmission process.
3. Educate team members on PPE conservation methodologies. Ensure team members are labeling PPE appropriately and taking precautions to avoid the misuse of PPE.
4. Promote and organize PPE supplies (new and decontaminated) to ensure team members have access to the appropriate PPE in a timely manner.
5. Accurately distribute and inventory PPE. Monitor unit trends and share data with unit-based leadership.
6. Know and understand COVID-19 policy changes and communicate PPE updates to team members. Serve as a subject matter expert for PPE questions and concerns presented by team members, escalating to leadership when appropriate.
7. Identify which patients are COVID positive and Persons Under Investigation (PUI) on the unit, validate proper isolation signage is displayed and confirm patients are in the appropriate air flow room.
8. Partner with the Charge Nurse or Unit Leadership:
	* For urgent specific needs, work with the unit Charge Nurse
	* Hand off role to the Charge Nurse during breaks and lunches.
	* Collaborate with Ops Supervisor/ PFSS/ISS for proper PPE distribution support
9. Educate team members with just in time PAPR training and support.
10. Educate team members on proper disinfection of PPE and proper environmental cleaning. Serve as a resource in understanding the need for the different supplies being utilized.

**COMPETENCY**

* Review and understand most up to date COVID-19 Policy
* Review and understand PPE usage rules on COVID-19 PPE Guidance Table
* Complete PPE Cornerstone module