Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Conservation Strategies

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WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW TO HELP

Limit use of unnecessary masks for family members when exiting rooms and units of patients not on isolation.

Rounding teams:

- If room door is closed, check that patient is present before donning PPE
- Limit physician and APP patient visits to those providing direct patient care
- To the extent possible, attending physicians should aim to round with trainee or APP (vs pre-round) so that the trainee or APP does not have to use PPE twice

Unit practices:

- Exclude students from visiting patients in rooms on isolation
- All providers should attempt to bundle care to reduce room entry and exit and should work together to help get additional supplies

Ancillary staff

• Food services should work with nursing to coordinate tray drop-off for patients on isolation as part of bundling care