

# COVID-19 BASIC MEASURES

## FOR HEALTH AND DEATHCARE WORKERS IN THE HANDLING OF THE DEAD

The wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is standard practice for the handling of the deceased and should be carried out in line with standard health and safety procedures. Health and deathcare workers should take precautions when handling the remains of individuals who have died from COVID-19.

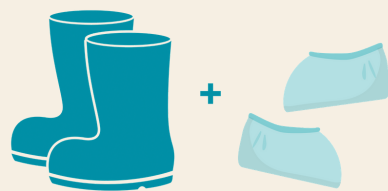
# PUTTING ON PPE CORRECTLY



**USE STANDARD PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR BODY HANDLING.**

### 1. PUT ON SHOE COVERS OR BOOTS

Standard rubber boots which can be disinfected after use or shoe covers that can be disposed of.

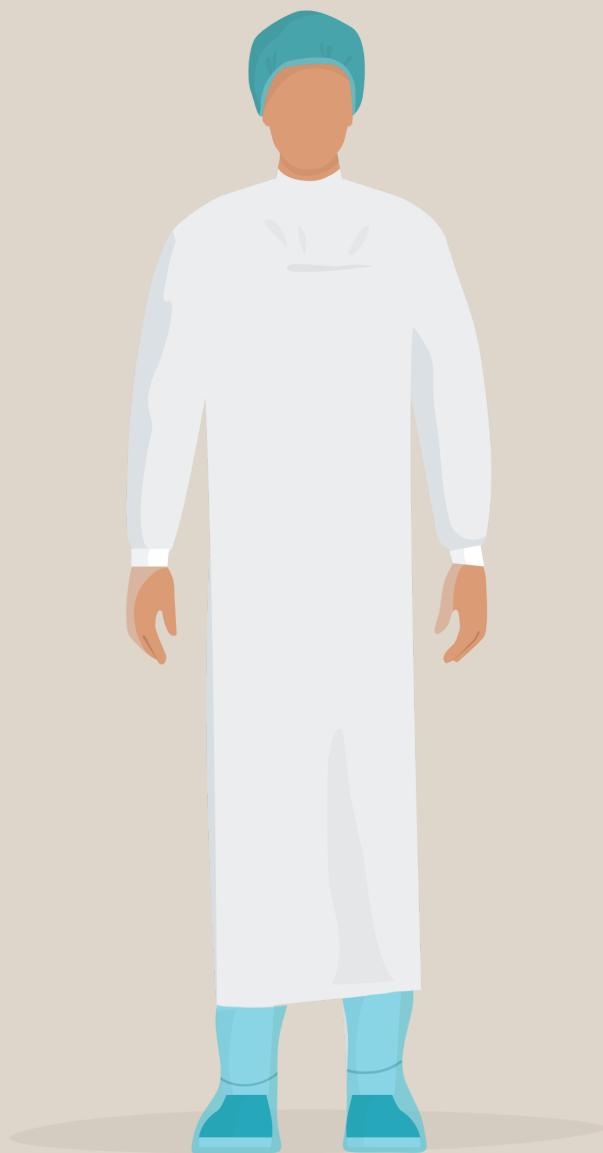


### 2. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY



### 3. PUT ON GOWN

Clean, long-sleeved fluid-resistant or impermeable gown to protect skin and clothing.



### 4. PUT ON APRON



Waterproof.

### 5. PUT ON RESPIRATOR



Use FFP3/ 2 or N95 respirator as deemed appropriate.

### 6. PUT ON FACE MASK OR GOGGLES



Protect the face, eyes, nose, and mouth from splashes of potentially infectious bodily fluids.

### 7. PUT ON GLOVES



Nonsterile, nitrile gloves when handling potentially infectious materials. If there is a risk of cuts, puncture wounds, or other injuries that break the skin, wear heavy-duty gloves over the nitrile gloves



**Policy and practice must uphold respect towards the deceased individuals and their families and should not undermine the dignity of the dead.**



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