HEALTH ADVISORY

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In consideration of local supply of PPE, and in accordance with WHO guidelines, Public Health plans to provide guidance on a move to appropriate use of standard, droplet and contact precautions for routine care of COVID-19 suspect or confirmed cases, as PPE access issues arise in this response effort.

Some providers may have already instituted these changes based upon the WHO guidelines, due to dwindling PPE reserves. However, public health at this time would like to still recommend that N95 masks be used preferentially for NP swab specimen collection while available.

Appropriate use guidance of droplet and contact precaution PPE will be forthcoming.