

In compliance with CDC recommendations, Carpet Tech properly uses PPE to keep technicians and customers safe.

All of the PPE listed here prevent contact with the infectious agent, or body fluid that may contain the infectious agent, by creating a barrier between the worker and the infectious material. Gloves, protect the hands, Tyvek suits protect the skin and/or clothing, masks and respirators protect the mouth and nose, goggles protect the eyes, and face shields protect the entire face. The respirator has been designed to also protect the respiratory tract from the airborne transmission of infectious agents.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Gloves – protect hands
- Tyvek Suits – protect skin and/or clothing
- Masks -protect mouth/nose
- Respirators – protect the respiratory tract from airborne infectious agents
- Goggles – protect eyes

Donning (putting on the gear)

More than one donning method may be acceptable.

1. Identify and gather the proper PPE to don. Ensure the choice of Tyvek suit is correct (based on training).
2. Perform hand hygiene using hand sanitizer.
3. Put on Tyvek Suit.
4. Put on filtering facepiece respirator If the respirator has a nosepiece, it should be fitted to the nose with both hands, not bent or tented. Do not pinch the nosepiece with one hand. Respirator/facemask should be extended under the chin. Both your mouth and nose should be protected. Do not wear respirator/face-mask under your chin or store in scrubs pocket between patients
 - Respirator: Respirator straps should be placed on crown of head (top strap) and base of neck (bottom strap). Perform a user seal check each time you put on the respirator.
 - Facemask: Mask ties should be secured on crown of head (top tie) and base of neck (bottom tie). If the mask has loops, hook them appropriately around your ears.
5. Put on goggles. Goggles provide excellent protection for eyes, but fogging is common.
6. Put on gloves. Gloves should cover the cuff (wrist) of the gown.

Doffing (taking off the gear)

More than one doffing method may be acceptable.

1. Remove gloves. Ensure glove removal does not cause additional contamination of hands. Gloves can be removed using more than one technique (e.g., glove-in-glove or bird beak).
2. Remove Tyvek suit. Do so in gentle manner, avoiding a forceful movement. Reach up to the shoulders and carefully pull gown down and away from the body. Rolling the gown down is an acceptable approach. Dispose in trash receptacle.
3. Perform hand hygiene.
4. Remove face shield or goggles. Carefully remove face shield or goggles by grabbing the strap and pulling upwards and away from the head. Do not touch the front of the face shield or goggles.
5. Remove and discard respirator (or facemask if used instead of respirator). Do not touch the front of the respirator or facemask.
6. Perform hand hygiene after removing the respirator/facemask and before putting it on again if your workplace is practicing reuse.

For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html>