Coming Soon: New Gowns at HHS

The PPE Task force at HHS will be rolling out a new gown to **replace** the previous launderable yellow cloth gowns, and the level 2 disposable gowns. This new gown is a certified **AAMI level two gown that has fluid repellency for blood and bodily fluids**. It is suitable for AGMPs, intubations, trauma/GI bleed scenarios where fluid spray or splash are likely.

Advantages of the new gowns:

The new style of gown includes several major improvements over the prior version. Compared to our current unrated isolation gown, this new microfibre isolation gown:

- Has a certified level 2 rating that protects against fluids under light to moderate pressure conditions.
- Protects more of the wearer's body, has a longer sleeve length, 4" cuffs and the ties are positioned on the side rather than the back with a single set at the neck, making the gowns easier to put on and take off.
- Is designed with fewer seams to minimize the penetration of liquids.

All clinical staff and visitors will wear these gowns when entering a room in additional precautions, or based on a PCRA on the need for a gown. All other gowns will be removed from these areas (unless a critical shortage occurs).

Go Live!

Starting the week of July 13 2020, these new gowns will be introduced at HHS. Phase 1 of the implementation includes the following departments:

- Emergency at HGH incl. Express 2, Emergency at JHCC, MUMC and WLMH
- All adult intensive care units
- West End Clinic: Urgent Care and COVID assessment Centre
- MUMC Labour & Delivery
- MUMC 3X PICU
- MUMC NICU
- HGH 8 West medicine

By year end of 2022 all clinical areas across HHS will be transitioned to these new gowns.