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WORK ATTIRE AND COVID-19

Purpose
To affirm existing dress code and attire policies during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Policy
Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) is the established and accepted mechanism to protect yourself and your clothing from contamination when caring for patients on specified precautions, including those for COVID-19 patients. There is no evidence that wearing clothing that has been properly protected by PPE poses a risk for transmission of COVID-19 to others. Similarly, shoes do not represent a concern for transmission of the virus. While employees may choose to change clothing attire prior to or after shifts at work, it is not necessary from an infection control perspective.