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| **Infection Control Supplies & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** | **Last Revision**:  | April 2015 |
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| **Applies to the following THA Group of Companies**:  | * Island Health Care
* Island Hospice
* Independent Life at Home
* RightHealth®
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| **Included in the following manual**: | Clinical Policy and Procedure ManualInfection Control |

**POLICY**

THA Group provides materials essential for personal protection from and control of infection at no cost to staff. Employees are required to use the provided equipment and supplies for infection control and personal protection.

Infection control supplies include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Antibacterial Hand Soap
* Waterless Hand Cleanser
* Paper Towels
* Exam Gloves
* Germicidal Wipes
* Plastic Bags (Barrier)
* Biohazard Spill Kit
* Particulate Mask (N95 TB mask)
* Sharp’s Containers
* CPR Shields
* Goggles
* Impervious Aprons
* Surgical Masks
* Shoe Covers

**PROCEDURE**

1. Community offices are responsible for procuring consumable supplies for staff.
2. Staff are expected to use Personal Protective Equipment, such as goggles, aprons and masks, to protect themselves from potentially infectious substances. These substances may be blood, other body fluids, other materials contaminated with body fluids, or airborne pathogens.
3. Gloves are worn when touching non-intact skin, mucous membranes, any body fluids, when handling respiratory equipment.
4. Universal precautions are the standard of care at all times.