Reuse of a gown for a single provider during care of multiple patients on a COVID-19 unit.

**Notes**
— Most important steps are hand hygiene and use of clean gloves
— Gown should be discarded at any time if contaminated/soiled
— This guidance applies to patients with confirmed COVID-19 on a cohorted inpatient unit, COVID-19 evaluation units (ED, Urgent Care or Clinic site)

1. **PUT ON GOWN**
   - Follow standard gown donning procedure for either laundered or disposable gowns
   - Each provider should wear the same gown as long as possible when providing care to multiple patients sequentially on a COVID-19 cohort unit or COVID-19 evaluation unit (ED, Urgent Care, Clinic site)
   - Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene between patients and when exiting the patient’s room in the same episode of care (e.g. if going to the medication room)
   - Try to bundle care as much as possible to reduce room entries/exits

2. **REMOVE GOWN**
   - The gown should be removed if:
     - Gown is visibly soiled
     - Gown becomes contaminated during direct patient care (e.g. help with bedpan or ADLs)
     - Care is provided for a patient with *C. difficile*, norovirus, or colonization/infection with multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacteria
     - Provider completes care of sequential patients and returns to a “clean” area (defined by each institution/unit)
     - Provider leaves the unit (e.g. lunch, breaks)
   - When doffing, follow
     - The standard gown doffing procedure ([BILH Sequence for PPE Don/Doff Poster for COVID-19](#)) – can be used for laundered or disposable gowns
     - Perform thorough hand hygiene