

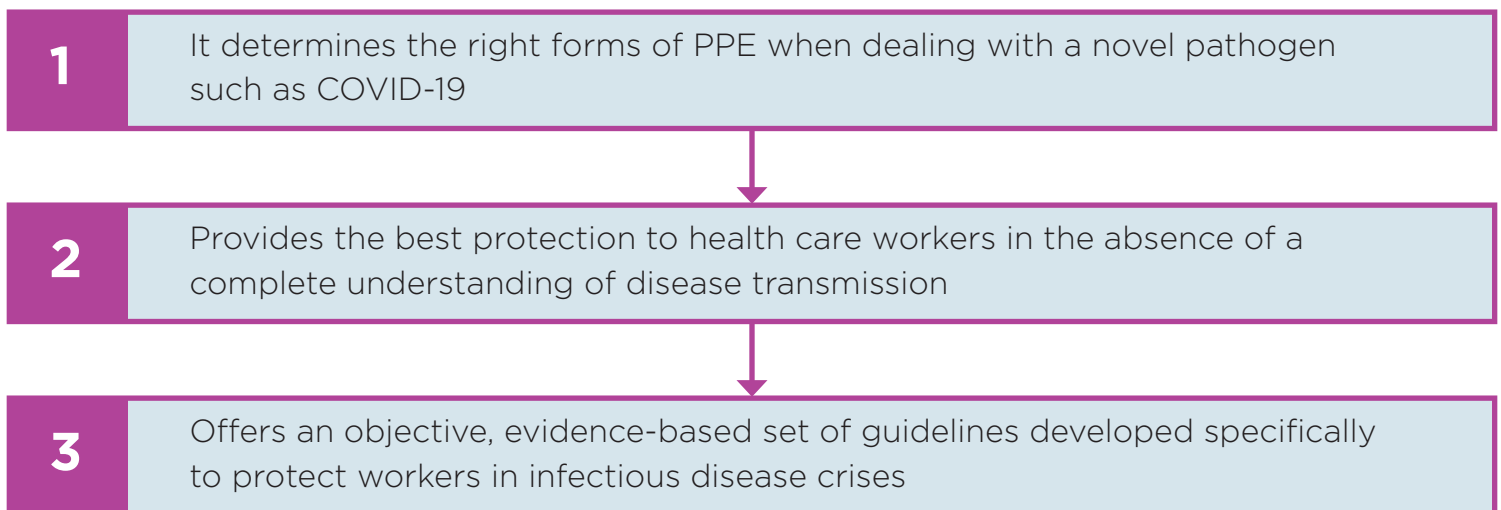


Applying the Precautionary Principle

BCNU believes the precautionary principle should be applied to the selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) during pandemic situations, such as COVID-19.

The precautionary principle states that the highest level of precaution possible should be taken until there is a complete body of evidence to show that it is not required.

How does the precautionary principle help you?



The Precautionary Principle recognizes and respects the clinical judgement of the nurse to determine the level of precaution necessary to keep themselves and their patients safe.

If you have concerns that you have not been provided with adequate PPE, or if you have any other safety concerns:

- > Let your supervisor or manager know right away.
- > Contact BCNU in the following ways:
 - > BCNU steward, your regional OH&S representative.
 - > PHONE: 604-433-2268, or 1-800-663-9991 and press 1 to reach the safety support line, 0700 – 2300, seven days per week.