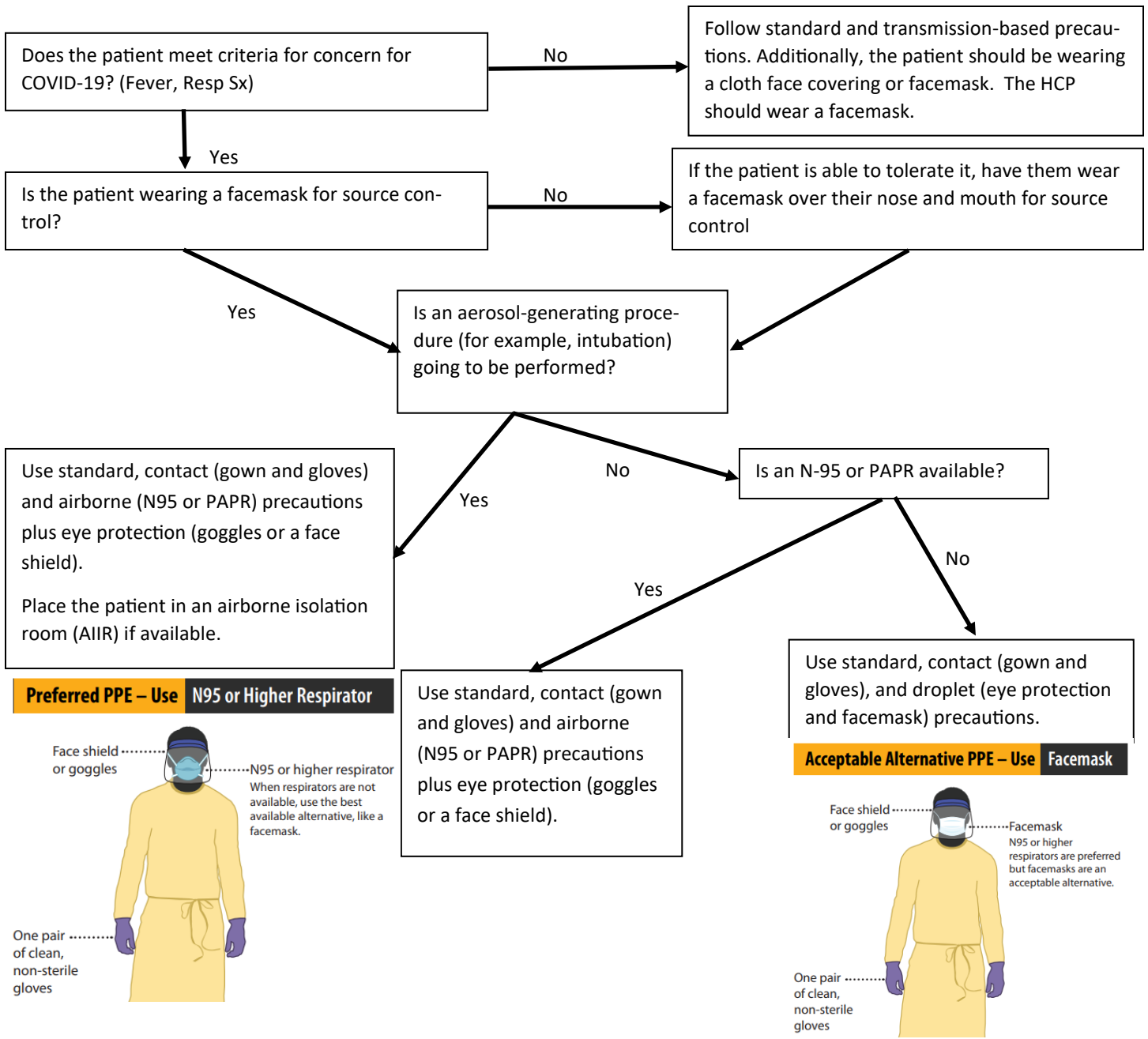# Draft PPE Flowchart

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NOTE: This diagram is a visual aide. It does not replace the guidance of your Infection Control Team, or the guidance contained in https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/index.html

All persons entering the healthcare facility should be wearing a face covering for universal source control. Patients should wear a cloth face covering or facemask if tolerated. HCP should wear a facemask at all times.

For the purposes of this document, a "cloth face covering" is a homemade item made of fabric worn over the nose and mouth. A "facemask" is an item of PPE intended for use in the healthcare setting that covers the nose and mouth, such as a medical mask or surgical mask.

Does the patient meet criteria for concern for COVID-19? (Fever, Resp Sx)

No → Follow standard and transmission-based precautions. Additionally, the patient should be wearing a cloth face covering or facemask. The HCP should wear a facemask.

Yes ↓

Is the patient wearing a facemask for source control?

No → If the patient is able to tolerate it, have them wear a facemask over their nose and mouth for source control

Yes ↓

Is an aerosol-generating procedure (for example, intubation) going to be performed?

Yes → Use standard, contact (gown and gloves) and airborne (N95 or PAPR) precautions plus eye protection (goggles or a face shield).

Place the patient in an airborne isolation room (AIIR) if available.

No → Is an N-95 or PAPR available?

Yes → Use standard, contact (gown and gloves) and airborne (N95 or PAPR) precautions plus eye protection (goggles or a face shield).

No → Use standard, contact (gown and gloves), and droplet (eye protection and facemask) precautions.

Preferred PPE – Use N95 or Higher Respirator

Face shield or goggles

N95 or higher respirator
When respirators are not available, use the best available alternative, like a facemask.

One pair of clean, non-sterile gloves

Acceptable Alternative PPE – Use Facemask

Face shield or goggles

Facemask
N95 or higher respirators are preferred but facemasks are an acceptable alternative.

One pair of clean, non-sterile gloves

For recommendations on extending PPE supply, and alternatives to conventional PPE, see https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html

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