

Crisis Standards of Care

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR

LONG TERM CARE | SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES | ASSISTED LIVING | OTHER NON-ACUTE CARE FACILITIES FOR COVID-19

Healthy staff (in addition to CDC Standard Precautions <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html>)

***GREEN COLUMNS:** Assign dedicated staff to these patients and give them 1 surgical mask per shift per day. **Do not** switch between cloth/alternative mask and surgical mask. Wear surgical mask all day for both PPE (personal protective equipment) and source control.

****AQUA COLUMNS:** These staff should not be near or interact with residents requiring surgical masks to conserve PPE.¹

CONDITION OF RESIDENT/CLIENT

| | *Positive for COVID-19² <i>Symptomatic or asymptomatic</i> Isolate to room. Wear cloth/alternative mask as tolerated. | *Exposed to COVID-19 <i>Symptomatic</i> Isolate to room. Wear cloth/alternative mask as tolerated. | *Exposed to COVID-19 <i>Asymptomatic</i> Can leave room in cloth/alternative mask as tolerated. Keep 6 feet from others. | *Diagnosed with other respiratory illness requiring droplet precautions (e.g., Influenza) <i>Symptomatic or asymptomatic</i> Isolate to room. | **Diagnosed with MDRO requiring contact precautions <i>Open wounds, uncontained secretions, incontinent diarrhea, or colonized with other MDRO (not MRSA or VRE)</i> Isolate to room. | **Colonized with MDRO requiring contact precautions <i>Colonized with MRSA or VRE without open wounds, secretions, diarrhea, etc.</i> Can leave room in cloth/alternative mask as tolerated. Keep 6 feet from others. | **Healthy (COVID-19 not suspected) <i>Asymptomatic</i> Can leave room in cloth/alternative mask as tolerated. Keep 6 feet from others. |
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| DIRECT PATIENT CARE | - Surgical mask ³ - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask ³ - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask ³ - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gown - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Enter room only when necessary. Direct care staff can remove garbage, etc.) | - Surgical mask - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gown - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |
| DIETARY SERVICES (Wear cloth/alternative mask at all times.) | Do not enter room. Direct care staff can deliver meal. | Do not enter room. Direct care staff can deliver meal. | Do not enter room. Direct care staff can deliver meal. | Do not enter room. Direct care staff can deliver meal. | Do not enter room. Direct care staff can deliver meal. | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |
| PATIENT FACING RESPONSIBILITIES (Wear cloth/alternative mask at all times.) | Avoid/Do not enter room. | Avoid/Do not enter room. | Avoid/Do not enter room. | Avoid/Do not enter room | Avoid/Do not enter room | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |

¹ These staff can wear eye protection such as goggles or wrap-around safety glasses when interacting with these patients. Do not wear disposable face shields.

² If no masks are available or there is extreme shortage, prioritize facemasks for positive COVID-19 patients. When no masks are left, Health Care Workers (HCW) and residents who can tolerate a mask at all times should wear a cloth or alternative mask.

³ Per CDC Guidance, fit-tested N95s or surgical masks can be worn in the direct patient care of a COVID-19 positive patient. N95s should be prioritized for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs). MDH is not providing N95 masks to any facility that does not conduct AGPs. Currently, OSHA has waived annual fit testing requirements for N95s. All health care workers must be fit tested in model available prior to use. MDH does not provide fit testing equipment.

Exposed health care worker who is asymptomatic (in addition to CDC Standard Precautions <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html>)

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| DIRECT PATIENT CARE (Wear surgical mask at all times for 14 days after exposure.) | - Surgical mask ³ - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask ³ - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask ³ - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask | - Surgical mask ³ - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask | - Surgical mask |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Enter room only when necessary. Direct care staff can remove garbage, etc.) | - Surgical mask - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask - Gown - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask - Gloves - Eye protection | - Surgical mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gown - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |
| DIETARY SERVICES (Do not enter room. Wear cloth/alternative mask at all times.) | N/A Direct care staff should take meal into room when performing other care. | N/A Direct care staff should take meal into room when performing other care. | N/A Direct care staff should take meal into room when performing other care. | N/A Direct care staff should take meal into room when performing other care. | N/A Direct care staff should take meal into room when performing other care. | - Cloth/Alternative mask | - Cloth/Alternative mask |
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Exposed health care worker who is symptomatic

Do not work until all of the following are met:

- 14 days have passed since exposure to COVID-19 positive person **AND**
- Return to work criteria are met for sick healthcare workers: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/hcwrecs.pdf>

Family and clergy

CONDITION OF RESIDENT/CLIENT

| | Positive for COVID-19¹ <i>Symptomatic or asymptomatic</i> | Exposed to COVID-19 <i>Symptomatic (suspected)</i> | Exposed to COVID-19 <i>Asymptomatic</i> | Diagnosed with other respiratory illness requiring droplet precautions (e.g. Influenza) <i>Symptomatic</i> | Diagnosed with MDRO requiring contact precautions <i>Open wounds, uncontained secretions, incontinent diarrhea or colonized with other MDRO (not MRSA or VRE)</i> | Diagnosed with MDRO requiring contact precautions <i>Colonized with MRSA or VRE without open wounds, secretions, diarrhea, etc.</i> | Healthy (COVID-19 not suspected) <i>Asymptomatic</i> |
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| VISITATION (Compassionate care) | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves | - Cloth/Alternative mask - Gloves |

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