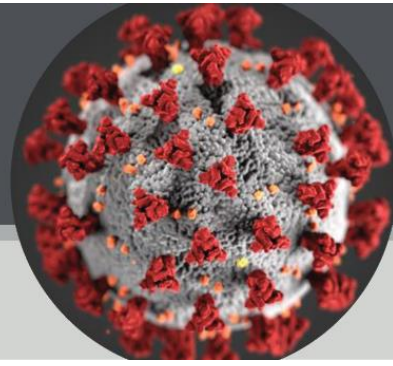


# CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)



## TIPS FOR IMPROVING HAND HYGIENE AND PPE COMPLIANCE

*Improvement in these base practices is needed to effectively combat COVID-19.*

*Survey results show 36% non-compliance for hand washing; 25% non-compliance for PPE.*

### Tips to Bolster Compliance:

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| <b>Knowledge and Comfort:<br/>PPE<br/>Donning/Doffing<br/>process</b> | Ensure staff are comfortable with the detailed steps for donning and doffing PPE; revisit periodically beyond initial training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Sequence for Donning PPE Poster</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Don and Doff PPE Video</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Don and Doff Facemask Video</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>Visual Reminders</b>   | Place posters in locations around the building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Hand Washing Hygiene Poster</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Positive Reinforcement</b>   | Recognize staff who are doing a good job of following hand hygiene or PPE Donning & Doffing steps. Be creative – something as simple as passing out lifesavers to staff “caught” following the process and reminding them how they are saving lives can be very effective.   |
| <b>Just-in-Time Coaches</b>   | Recruit staff members who can serve as Just-in-Time Coaches. This is not a “gotcha” approach but rather an opportunity to coach staff who are not demonstrating practices or proper technique. It is also an opportunity to gather information on any barriers for staff.  |
| <b>Share data with staff</b>  | Sharing data on compliance can create a sense of team – we are in this together. If you don’t have your own data available, use the national survey data and challenge staff that we can do better!  |

### Tips to Optimize Availability of PPE for Staff Use:

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| <b>Reusing Masks</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reuse face masks until they are visibly soiled or difficult to breathe through;</li> <li>● Face masks should be carefully folded so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage;</li> <li>● Store folded face mask between uses in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Reusing Gowns</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shift gown use towards cloth isolation gowns that are washable.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Reusing Eye Protection</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shift eye protection supplies from disposable to re-usable devices (i.e., goggles and reusable face shields)</li> <li>● Ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfection between users.</li> </ul>  |

**Resources:** [MDH Guidance on Facemasks as Source Control](#), [MDH Guidance on Alternative Masks](#), [PPE Burn Calculator](#), [PPE Optimization Strategies](#)