

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Staff

	Face Mask*	Respirator/N95*	Gloves	Eye Protection	Gown
Residents with Confirmed/Suspected COVID-19					
Direct physical care		✓	✓	✓	✓
Close proximity to resident(s)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident room, distanced		✓	✓	✓	✓
Residents on Quarantine					
Direct physical care		✓	✓	✓	✓
Close proximity to resident(s)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident room, distanced		✓	✓	✓	✓
During an Outbreak, Areas with Direct Exposure					
Direct physical care		✓	✓	✓	✓
Close proximity to resident(s)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident room, distanced		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident common areas, distanced		✓		✓	
Employee only areas		✓		✓	
During an Outbreak, Areas Without Direct Exposure					
Direct physical care		✓	✓	✓	✓
Close proximity to resident(s)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident room, distanced		✓	✓	✓	✓
Resident common areas, distanced	✓				
Employee only areas	✓				

	Face Mask*	Respirator/N95*	Gloves	Eye Protection	Gown
No Outbreak or Active Cases					
Direct physical care	✓		✓		
Close proximity to resident(s)	✓		✓		
Resident room, distanced	✓		✓		
Resident common areas, distanced	✓				
Employee only areas	✓				
Recommendations By Procedure					
Aerosol generating procedures (suctioning, nebulizer, CPAP, etc.)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Soiled linen change/incontinence care	✓		✓	✓	✓
Bathing/showering residents	✓		✓	✓	✓
Venipuncture	✓		✓		
Wound care	✓		✓		✓
Peri-care	✓		✓		
Oral care	✓		✓		
Feeding assist/meal prep	✓		✓		

*An N95 or higher is considered respirator protection provided it has been fit-tested and staff are trained regarding proper use and seal check. Face mask should be a well-fitting surgical mask, KN95 or other medical-grade mask. Cloth masks are generally not recommended for facility staff unless worn over a disposable mask to enhance fit.

NOTE: Recommendations assume low community transmission rates of COVID-19. In communities with moderate to high transmission, universal eye protection and additional precautions are advised. Vaccination does not generally impact staff PPE requirements. The exception is that in the absence of an outbreak, vaccinated staff may remove masks in employee-only areas of the facility if they are alone or have verified that all other staff present are fully vaccinated.