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

Consistent with March 22, 2022 IDPH LTC COVID-19 Guidance
<https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/long-term-care.html>

	Facemask* (not a cloth mask)	N95/Respirator**	Gloves	Eye Protection	Gown
Resident with <i>suspected or confirmed COVID-19</i> (including any resident with symptoms). PPE use does not change based upon community transmission levels. Wear N95 upon entry to COVID-19 unit. Wear eye protection, gown, and gloves when entering the room of resident with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.					
Direct physical care		X	X	X	X
Close proximity to the resident(s)		X	X	X	X
In Resident room		X	X	X	X
Aerosol generating procedures (suctioning, CPAP/BIPAP, etc.)		X	X	X	X
Nebulizers		X	X	X	X
COVID-19 unit		X-anytime on the COVID-19 unit	X-when entering room	X-when entering room	X-when entering room

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Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date Residents on Quarantine (identified as a close contact of the positive case, out for more than 24 hours, new admission/readmission, unknown COVID-19 status). Wear PPE at all times. PPE use does not change based upon community transmission levels.					
Direct physical care		X	X	X	X
Close proximity to the resident(s)		X	X	X	X
In Resident room		X	X	X	X
Aerosol generating procedures (suctioning, CPAP/BIPAP, etc.)		X	X	X	X
Nebulizers		X	X	X	X

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Vaccinated or Up to Date Residents identified as a close contact of a positive case. Resident to wear facemask 10 days post-exposure. The resident is not required to Quarantine or be restricted to their room.					
Direct physical care	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
Close proximity to resident(s)	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
In Resident room	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
Aerosol generating procedures (suctioning, CPAP/BIPAP, etc.)	Use community transmission levels to determine required PPE (see below)				
Nebulizers	Use community transmission levels to determine required PPE (see below)				

	Facemask* (not a cloth mask)	N95/Respirator**	Gloves	Eye Protection	Gown
Residents NOT suspected of COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses (e.g., influenza)—when Community Transmission Levels are Substantial or High					
Direct physical care	X	If required per facility policy	Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
Close proximity to resident(s)	X	If required per facility policy	Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
In Resident rooms	X	If required per facility policy	Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
Aerosol generating procedures (e.g., suctioning, CPAP/BIPAP, etc.)		X N95 and eye protection must be worn for 60 minutes post use of CPAP/BIPAP when in resident room to allow air contaminants to be removed	Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
Nebulizers		X	Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
In facility common areas	X		Per Standard Precautions***	X	Per Standard Precautions***
Employee only areas--per IL Executive Order—unless eating or drinking	X			X	

	Facemask* (not a cloth mask)	N95/Respirator**	Gloves	Eye Protection	Gown
Residents NOT suspected of COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses (e.g., influenza)–when Community Transmission Levels are Low to Moderate					
Direct physical care	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
Close proximity to resident(s)	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
In Resident room	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
Aerosol generating procedures (suctioning, CPAP/BIPAP, etc.)	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
Nebulizers	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***
In facility common areas	X		Per Standard Precautions***	Per Standard Precautions***	
Employee only areas- - per IL Executive order--unless eating or drinking	X				

***Facemask:** OSHA defines facemasks as “a surgical, medical procedure, dental, or isolation mask that is FDA-cleared, authorized by an FDA EUA, or offered or distributed as described in an FDA enforcement policy. Facemasks may also be referred to as ‘medical procedure masks’.” Facemasks should be used according to product labeling and local, state, and federal requirements. FDA-cleared surgical masks are designed to protect against splashes and sprays and are prioritized for use when such exposures are anticipated, including surgical procedures. Other facemasks, such as some procedure masks, which are typically used for isolation purposes, may not provide protection against splashes and sprays. A facemask should be well fitted.

****An N95** or higher is considered respiratory protection provided it has been fit-tested, and staff is trained regarding the proper use and seal check.

*****Standard Precautions:** Personal protective equipment (PPE) refers to wearable equipment designed to protect healthcare personnel from exposure to or contact with infectious agents. PPE appropriate for various types of patient interactions and effectively covers personal clothing and skin likely to be soiled with blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) should be available. These include gloves, face masks, protective eyewear, face shields, and reusable or disposable gown. **Wear PPE, as described when the nature of the anticipated patient interaction indicates that contact with blood or body fluids may occur.**