

STAY SAFE MN

Contingency Standards of Care for COVID-19

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS*

What to wear if you are a:	Surgical Mask	N95 Respirator	Cloth Mask	Eye Protection	Gown	Gloves	Hand Hygiene	Comments
Resident negative for COVID-19			X				X	Wear mask when out of room or within 6 feet of other residents or HCP, if able.
Resident positive or suspected of having COVID-19	X						X	Stay in room as much as possible. Wear mask if need to leave room or when within 6 feet of others, if possible. If shortages, surgical masks should be prioritized for HCP and then for residents with COVID-19 (as supply allows).
HCP with face-to-face contact with COVID negative residents	X			X			X	Plus Standard Precautions and any other posted Transmission-based Precautions. Implement “extended use” universal surgical mask and eye protection.
HCP with face-to-face contact with COVID positive residents	X	For AGP and ICU		X	X	X	X	Plus Standard Precautions and any other posted Transmission-based Precautions. Implement “extended use” universal surgical mask and eye protection.
Non-HCP with no face-to-face contact with residents: kitchen, EVS, office staff	X						X	Plus Standard Precautions. Surgical masks are preferred for all staff. If shortages, surgical masks should be prioritized for staff with face-to-face resident contact; others should use cloth source-control mask. Cloth source-control masks acceptable for non-HCP not within 6 feet of any resident or coworker for >15 minutes, cumulative, per shift.
Non-HCP with periodic face-to-face contact with residents: kitchen, EVS, office staff	X			X			X	Plus Standard Precautions. If entering resident care area, don surgical mask and eye protection for that period of time.
Visitors to non-COVID-19 resident	If supplies allow		If surgical mask not available				X	
Visitors to COVID-19 resident	X			X	X	X	X	

*Congregate care settings include long-term care, assisted living, hospice, home care, and other non-acute care facilities.

All persons should practice social distancing of 6 feet or greater whenever possible. HCP = Health Care Provider; **Standard Precautions** = Wearing PPE as appropriate for contact with blood or body fluids; **Extended Use** = Wearing the same eye protection and surgical mask (or N95 respirator) for repeated close contact encounters with several different residents, without removing between patient encounters.

AGP = see **Aerosol-Generating Procedures and Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/aerosol.pdf>