Long Term Care Facility Staff PPE Usage Grid

Resident Interaction	Face Mask*	N95 Mask or Equivalent or Surgical Mask if N95 Fit Tested Mask not Available	Gloves**	Eye Protection	Gowns**
Cohort 1					
Facility-wide in a COVID Negative Environment or Non-COVID Wings	X				
Direct Patient Care in the following:					
Cohort 2					
Minimal excursion into the room of a resident in Unknown or Quarantine Status to perform non-patient care tasks that do not require approaching patient or bedside (emptying trash, etc.) **(No close contact with resident clothing, or bedding)**	X		X		
Unknown status or new admission in quarantine		X	X	X	X
Quarantined due to exposure		X	X	X	X
14 Day Quarantine on return from hospital		X	X	X	X
14 Day Quarantine on return from unsupervised outing, unsupervised medical visit, or dialysis care		X	X	X	X
Cohort 3					
Suspected COVID or with signs and symptoms of COVID		X	X	X	X
Person Under Investigation for COVID		X	X	X	X
Cohort 4					
COVID Positive		X	X	X	X

Notes:

* **Facemask:** Facemasks are PPE and are often referred to as surgical masks or procedure masks. Use facemasks 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. Facemasks that are not regulated by FDA, such as some procedure masks, which are typically used for isolation purposes, may not provide protection against splashes and sprays. Facemasks are not cloth face coverings. Cloth face coverings are allowed for residents, visitors and office staff.

** Do not use the same gown or pair of gloves for care of more than one resident in cohorts 2 through 4. Remove and discard disposable gloves upon completion of a task or when soiled during the process of care and perform hand hygiene.

- Remove and discard PPE, other than respirators, upon completing a task before leaving the patient's room or care area. If a respirator is used, it should be removed and discarded (or reprocessed if reusable) after leaving the patient room or care area and closing the door.

Source:

- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html

- Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Safe Healthcare Delivery in All Settings –Recommendations of the HICPAC: https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/recommendations/core-practices.html

References:

- Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html

- Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html

- See Resident Cohorting in CDC's Responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-responding.html