



COVID-19 and Seasonal Influenza: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers

APPENDIX 16: PPE UTILIZATION GUIDANCE IN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

The following guide refers to the staff, inmate workers, and residents in and around these locations. The PPE recommendations do NOT apply to the inmate/patients who are the population in question.

Population in the location	Staff, residents, and inmate work protection needed from the populations in the locations				
	N95 Respirator	Surgical or Procedure Mask	Eye Protection	Gloves ²	Gowns ^{2,4}
The Receiving and Release Processing (RRP) Areas and/or Reception Centers (RC)					
Symptomatic or asymptomatic Inmate/Patient (I/P) or confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P or in quarantine (Always wear an N95 in RRP and RC areas)	√	N/A	√	√	√
Areas where I/Ps are incoming from institutions/jail ³	√	N/A	√	√	√
Custody Escort					
Escorting symptomatic or asymptomatic confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P or quarantined I/P	√	N/A	√	√	√
Escorting asymptomatic I/P ³ who is not quarantined or a suspect or confirmed case	N/A	√	√ ²	√	N/A
Transportation Vehicle					
All persons involved in vehicular transfers	√	N/A	√	√	N/A
All Those Working in the Correctional Treatment Center (CTC)					
If the CTC houses patients who have either influenza-like illness or suspected/confirmed COVID	√	N/A	√*	√*	√*
If the CTC has NO patients who have either influenza-like illness or suspected/confirmed COVID	N/A	√	√*	√*	√*
<i>*If involved in close contact with patient</i>					
Outpatient Housing Unit (OHU)					
Symptomatic or asymptomatic confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P or quarantined I/Ps	√	NA	√	√	√
Asymptomatic I/P ³ who is not quarantined or a suspect or confirmed case and who is not sharing OHU airspace/ventilation with symptomatic, quarantined, or confirmed/suspected I/Ps	NA	√	√ ²	√	√
Quarantine/Precautionary Quarantine/Isolated Areas					
Symptomatic or asymptomatic I/P, symptomatic or asymptomatic confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P or quarantined I/P (Always wear an N95 in Quarantine and Isolation areas)	√	N/A	√	√	√
Pre/Post transfer Quarantine (no known exposure)	√	N/A	√	√	N/A
Control Booth					
Symptomatic or asymptomatic confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P or quarantined patient	√	N/A	√	√ ²	√ ²
Asymptomatic I/P ³ who is not in quarantine or a suspect or confirmed case	N/A	√	√ ²	√	N/A
Anyone Present During					
Procedure on a confirmed/suspected COVID-19 case that may generate respiratory aerosols	√	N/A	√	√	√
Collection of diagnostic respiratory specimens	√	N/A	√	√	√
Field Staff (e.g., DAPO)¹ or Inmate Workers					
During face-to-face interview: Symptomatic I/P, quarantined or confirmed/suspected COVID-19 I/P	√	N/A	√	√	√
During face-to-face interview: Asymptomatic I/P ³ who is not in quarantine	N/A	√	√ ²	√	N/A

¹ A cloth mask is not PPE. A face mask includes surgical mask, procedure mask, medical mask, KN95 respirators, etc.

² Field staff should identify the risk levels and adhere to standard precautions and determine the level of transmission-based precautions.

³ PPE user should determine the reliability of the "Asymptomatic patient status" when the patient claims he/she has no symptoms.

⁴ Gowns can be assessed for their requirement. Activities involving aerosol-generating procedures, the possibility of splashes and sprays, close contact activities, such as close bedside care and bathing, or direct handling of infectious waste require gowns.

⁵ Field staff should identify the exposure risk levels and consider the outbreak and employee and resident case rate of the institution or housing unit.

Excerpted from the following memo: [Recommended COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment for Staff and Inmates - 05.10.21](#)

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