



PPE PROTOCOL

COUNTY TRANSMISSION RATE		WHO	PPE REQUIRED OR <i>COULD BE CONSIDERED</i> (PER CDC)
Low	Moderate	Vaccinated Visitors <u>and</u> Vaccinated Resident	No masks required. Visitors should wear source control when around other residents or HCP, regardless of vaccination status.
Low	Moderate	Unvaccinated Visitor (<i>regardless of if <u>resident</u> is vaccinated or not</i>)	Surgical mask and social distancing
Low	Moderate	Administrative/Non-Direct Care Staff (dietary staff, activity professionals, maintenance with NO resident contact)	Surgical mask (<i>fully vaccinated staff can consider not wearing a mask in non-resident areas such as break rooms, meeting rooms, office, etc.</i>)
Low	Moderate	Direct Care Staff (nursing, housekeeping, anyone with direct resident contact)	Surgical mask (<i>fully vaccinated staff can consider not wearing a mask in non-resident areas such as break rooms, meeting rooms, office, etc.</i>)
Substantial	High	Vaccinated Visitors <u>and</u> Vaccinated Resident	No masks required. Visitors should wear source control when around other residents or HCP, regardless of vaccination status.
Substantial	High	Unvaccinated Visitor (<i>regardless of whether <u>resident</u> is vaccinated or not</i>)	Surgical mask and social distancing
Substantial	High	Administrative/Non-Direct Care Staff (dietary staff, activity professionals, maintenance with NO resident contact)	Surgical mask <i>Consider N95s when multiple risks for transmission are present (per CDC)</i>
Substantial	High	Direct Care Staff (nursing, housekeeping, anyone with direct resident contact)	Surgical mask Eye protection for all resident encounters Caring for suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection/aerosol generating procedures – full PPE (N95 or higher, eye protection, gown, and gloves) <i>Consider N95s when multiple risks for transmission are present (per CDC)</i>

OTHERS	
RECEPTIONISTS, VAN DRIVERS	Surgical mask, eye protection, gloves, (while checking temperatures or transporting residents)
LAUNDRY SERVICE	Non-COVID materials: surgical mask, gloves as required
	COVID materials: surgical mask or N95 respirator, gloves, gown, face shield
DIETARY STAFF	Non-COVID materials: surgical mask
	COVID materials: surgical mask, gloves



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RESIDENTS	Fully vaccinated residents could be allowed to not use source control when in communal areas of the facility; however, residents at increased risk for severe disease should still consider continuing to practice physical distancing and use of source control. Unvaccinated residents should continue to wear source control in communal areas. <i>If a resident chooses not to wear source control, make sure to document this decision and care plan it.</i>
DURING TESTING	Testers (those performing the tests): N95 respirator, eye protection, gown, gloves Testees (those <i>being</i> tested whether residents or staff): surgical mask until time test takes place

General Reminders:

1. **This document is a recommendation based on the CDC definition of Healthcare Personnel (HCP).** Please also consider your homes policies and procedures as well state and federal guidance.
2. Masks should be designated for one person.
3. Masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth so that both are completely covered at all times.
4. **ANYONE having contact with an active or suspected/quarantined COVID case should be in full PPE.**
5. If you have to sneeze or cough, cover your mouth and wash or sanitize your hands afterwards.
6. Make sure to always tie gowns closed over the back and shoulders.
7. ALWAYS practice excellent hand hygiene!
8. Need to reuse your PPE? Follow these guidelines from the CDC - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html.

Source: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html.

TESTING REQUIREMENT BY COUNTY TRANSMISSION

Low	No testing required
Moderate	1 x week <i>unvaccinated staff</i>
Substantial	2 x week <i>unvaccinated staff</i>
High	2 x week <i>unvaccinated staff</i>

Link to CDC county transmission data: [CDC COVID Data Tracker \(covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home\)](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home)

Go to the top, right hand side of the screen and click on the Community Transmission bar (it's got a bar with all the color levels on it) and you can plug in your county from there. It's updated daily at 8pm.