



POLICY: Guidelines for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during COVID-19

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GUIDELINES FOR LEVEL OF PPE USE DURING COVID-19

Sun Health will ensure that all team members are knowledgeable about, and adhere to, all CMS and CDC guidance related to infection control and the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); particularly the use of masks when caring for COVID-19 patients.

Team members will be instructed in the appropriate PPE that should be used in the following situations:

RESIDENT STATUS	BUILDING	TEAM MEMBER PPE REQUIREMENT
COVID-19 Positive (tested) and NO aerosol-generating procedures	IL/AL/SNF	Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), surgical mask, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Positive (tested) and aerosol-generating procedures	IL/AL/SNF	Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), N95 mask, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Tested or showing symptoms (awaiting results) OR any new admissions from the hospital	SNF/AL	Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), surgical mask, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Tested (awaiting results)	IL	If close proximity (within 6 feet) of patient full PPE; otherwise surgical mask and gloves
Anyone not presumed COVID - 19 positive	SNF/AL	Surgical mask, eye protection (goggles or face shield) and gloves for anyone directly interacting with residents; all others a surgical mask
COVID-19 Suspected (returning from hot spot/symptomatic)	IL	If close proximity (within 6 feet) of patient surgical mask, eye protection and gloves; otherwise surgical masks
Any person to person interaction within 6 feet for over 5 minutes	All locations	Cloth/comfort mask and gloves and add eye protection

To ensure Sun Health team members have the proper PPE, Sun Health will follow the CDC guidelines for the extended use of N95 masks. As of the date of this memo, this will include issuing multiple N95 masks to the staff working directly with COVID-19 residents who have tested positive, are awaiting test results, or are showing positive symptoms of COVID-19. The number of masks per team member will depend on many factors, including how long and how many shifts the team member is expected to work, as well as the number of days between shifts.

Team members can reach out to their department leaders below to get the number of masks and receive training on proper storage techniques, disinfecting processes, etc.

Related Policies: Sun Health Pandemic Policies and Emergency Preparedness Plans; Guidelines for Appropriate Level of PPE (this will be updated according to Sun Health Leadership as deemed necessary for the safety of team members and residents).