



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

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PURPOSE: 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.

POLICY: Team members will be instructed in the appropriate PPE that should be used in the following situations based on supply and source control as determined by the CDC.

RESIDENT STATUS	BUILDING	TEAM MEMBER PPE REQUIREMENT
COVID-19 Positive (tested) and NO aerosol-generating procedures	IL/AL/SNF	Direct Care: Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), N95 or comparable mask, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Positive (tested) and aerosol-generating procedures OR in any case of in-house spread	IL/AL/SNF	Direct Care: Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), N95 or comparable mask, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Tested or showing symptoms (awaiting results) OR any new admissions not up to date with vaccination from the hospital	SNF/AL	Direct Care: Full PPE (eye protection (face shield or goggles), KN95, gloves, gowns)
COVID-19 Tested (awaiting results)	IL	Direct Care: If in close proximity (within 6 feet) of patient, full PPE Indirect Care: Surgical mask and gloves
Anyone not presumed COVID -19 positive	SNF/AL	Direct Care: KN95 Mask and gloves Indirect care: surgical mask
COVID-19 Suspected (returning from hot spot/symptomatic)	IL	Fully vaccinated team members: If close proximity (within 6 feet) of resident/patient surgical mask Not fully vaccinated: surgical masks unless direct care, then KN95
Any person to person interaction within 6 feet for over 15 minutes accumulated during the course of the day	All locations	Fully vaccinated: no PPE required Not fully vaccinated: surgical masks

Sun Health will follow the CDC guidelines to define whether a person is fully vaccinated.

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To ensure Sun Health team members have the proper PPE, Sun Health will follow the CDC guidelines for the extended use of N95 or comparable masks. As of the date of this memo, this will include issuing multiple N95 or comparable masks to the staff working directly with COVID-19 residents who have tested positive, are working directly with residents following an in-house spread 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; COVID-19 Testing and Return to Work Policy; COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Policy for Team Members