

## Guidance for PPE optimization

**Notes:** These guidelines are intended to optimize the Commonwealth's PPE supplies. In general, PPE conservation is strongly recommended where possible. Highest priority areas are highlighted. For more, see CDC guidelines below

Facility priority level	Facility category	Facility type	Type of setting	Type of personnel	General notes	PPE: Masks	PPE: Gowns	PPE: Eye shield or glasses	PPE: Gloves	PPE: Other
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Area where aerosol generating procedures on COVID19 patients are occurring	All		Specialized N95 or FFP2 mask or higher	Heavy duty medical gown	Full eye shield or glasses	Standard medical gloves	Apron
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Area with/providing general care to presumptive or confirmed COVID19 patients	Healthcare worker		Specialized N95 mask (Standard medical mask ok if specialized mask unavailable)	Standard medical gown	Full eye shield or glasses	Standard medical gloves	None
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Area with confirmed COVID19 patients	Cleaner		Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	None	Heavy duty gloves (Standard gloves ok if heavy duty unavailable)	None
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Area with confirmed COVID19 patients	Necessary visitors		Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	None - keep distance	Standard medical gloves	None
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Area with/providing general care to presumptive or confirmed COVID19 patients with respiratory symptoms	Patient	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	Standard medical mask if tolerated	None	None	None	None
1	Medical facilities	Hospitals or other patient care facilities	Other areas	All	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	None	None	None	None	None
1	Medical facilities	Testing laboratories	Manipulating samples from presumptive or confirmed COVID19 patients	All		Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	Full eye shield or glasses	Standard medical gloves	None
1	First response	Ambulance or vehicle transporting patient	In direct contact with suspected, presumptive, confirmed COVID19 patients with respiratory symptoms	EMS/Fire/Police		Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	Full eye shield or glasses	Standard medical gloves	None
1	First response	Ambulance or vehicle transporting patient	Drivers or co-passenger in non-patient compartments or other indirect contact	EMS/Fire/Police	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	None	None	None	None	None
1	First response	Ambulance or vehicle transporting patient	In direct contact with suspected, presumptive, confirmed COVID19 patients without respiratory symptoms	EMS/Fire/Police	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	Standard medical mask	None	None	Standard precautions, no specialized PPE needed	None
1	First response	Activities not involving patient transport	Areas with suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID19 patients	EMS/Fire/Police	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	None	None	None	None	None

2	Homes	Homes or co-living spaces	Areas with suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID19 patients	Cleaners	Limit cleaning of areas and cordon off if PPE not available	Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	None	Standard medical gloves	None
2	Homes	Homes or co-living spaces	Areas with suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID19 patients	Caregivers	Limit contact to the extent possible	Standard medical mask	None	None	Standard medical gloves	None
2	Community facilities	Community buildings, educational centers, correctional facilities	Areas with suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID19 patients	Cleaners	Limit cleaning of areas and cordon off if PPE not available	Standard medical mask	Standard medical gown	None	Standard medical gloves	None
3	Other facilities not listed above	Other facilities not listed above	Settings not listed above	All	Maintain 6 feet distance and limit contact with surfaces where possible	None	None	None	None	None

CDC PPE re-use guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>

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