



CDC Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Offenders & Staff in a Correctional Facility during the COVID-19 Response

Offenders Wearing PPE	N95 Mask	Surgical Mask ¹	Cloth Mask ⁴	Eye Protection	Gloves	Gown/Coveralls
Asymptomatic offenders under contact quarantine		X ² OR	X ⁴			
Symptomatic offenders who are confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases (as soon as symptoms appear)		X				
Offenders handling laundry or used food service items from a COVID-19 case or case contact			X		X	X
Offenders cleaning areas where a COVID-19 case has spent time			X		X	X
Staff Wearing PPE	N95 Mask	Surgical Mask	Cloth Mask ⁴	Eye Protection	Gloves	Gown/Coveralls
Staff having physical contact with asymptomatic quarantined offender (not performing temperature checks or medical procedure)		X		X ²	X ²	
Staff performing temperature checks on any group of people (staff, contractors, or offenders), or providing medical care to asymptomatic quarantined offenders		X		X	X	
Staff having direct contact with (including transport) or offering medical care to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases	X ³	X ³		X	X	X
Staff present during a procedure on a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case that may generate respiratory aerosols	X			X	X	X
Intake (booking) staff when performing duties that require close contact ⁴ with a newly remanded individual prior to COVID-19 status being established		X		X		
Staff handling laundry or used food service items from a COVID-19 case or case contact			X		X	X
Staff cleaning an area where a COVID-19 case has spent time			X		X	X

- To determine if a surgical mask is certified for use as PPE, look for a standard code printed on the box. The code will begin with different letters depending on the country of manufacture: US-ASTM; EU-EN; China-YY or GB. If the mask has not received a certification indicated by one of these codes it cannot be considered PPE because the ability to protect staff is unknown.
- As local supply allows.
- An N95 is preferred. However, based on local and regional situational analysis of PPE supplies, medical-style face masks are an acceptable alternative when the supply chain of N95s cannot meet the demand. During this time, available N95 masks should be prioritized for medical procedures that are likely to generate respiratory aerosols, which would pose the highest exposure risk to staff.
- A cloth mask is considered source control and not PPE
- Close Contact— an individual is considered a close contact if, while NOT wearing PPE, they have been within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for ≥ 10 minutes OR have had direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., coughed on, sneezed on, spit at, or yelled at)