

Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE: Droplet Precautions PPE Guidance

Importance: High



IMPORTANT CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Clarification on Droplet Precautions for COVID-19 with National PPE Shortage

1. Masks are to be worn when entering the residents room.
 - a. **In IN and FL** (where PPE is required to be worn by stakeholders at all times) - The same mask can be worn unless the following: soiled, torn, or cared for a resident in true transmission-based precautions (with dx) in which it would be discarded and a new mask put on.
2. Gloves will be worn while caring for residents in (addition to the mask).
3. Face shields/eye protection are to be worn (in addition to masks) in potential splash situations
4. A Gown would be worn in addition to mask and gloves when providing treatment where **potential for splashes or close contact with the resident may occur**. Examples include – wound care, trach care, bathing, catheterization, etc.
5. Red biohazard bags should only be used for discarding PPE, not trash, etc.

Remember: always wash hands after removing gloves and practice **frequent** hand hygiene

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>