COVID-19: Long Term Services & Supports (LTSS) Staff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Contingency Planning

- LTSS agencies and facilities understand their PPE inventory, supply chain, and utilization and they are working locally to address PPE needs.
- Agencies and facilities may operate at multiple levels of capacity, depending on the type of PPE (i.e. agency is at contingency capacity for masks, but crisis capacity for eye protection).
- Agencies and facilities must continue to implement control measures to reduce the number of people interacting with patients/residents, maximize telehealth services, reduce face-to-face contact by staff, cohort patients/residents and dedicate personnel for care.

PATIENT/RESIDENT	PPE TYPE	CONVENTIONAL CAPACITY NO LONGER APPLICABLE	CONTINGENCY CAPACITY	CRISIS CAPACITY
No Exposure No Symptoms	MASK	Surgical/medical facemask	Surgical/medical facemask: extended use/re-use all shift*	 Surgical/medical facemask preferred- extended use/re-use all shift* When no approved facemask is available: Face shield with available mask Non-NIOSH approved mask (e.g. non-medical or handmade)
	EYE PROTECTION	Routine precautions	Routine precautions	Routine precautions
	GOWN	Routine precautions	Routine precautions	Routine precautions
	GLOVES	Routine precautions	Routine precautions	Routine precautions
Exposed No Symptoms	MASK	• N95	 Surgical/medical facemask: extended use/reuse all shift* N95 only with aerosol-generating procedures 	 Surgical/medical facemask - extended use/reuse all shift* When no approved facemask is available: Face shield with available mask Non-NIOSH approved mask (e.g. non-medical or handmade)
	EYE PROTECTION	Goggles/face shield	Extended use/re-use goggles or face shield	Extended use/re-use safety glasses
	GOWN	• Isolation	 Use expired or cloth isolation gowns Change in between residents 	 Extended use/re-use of disposable or cloth gowns Dedicated to resident or room with like residents (no additional infection ex:C.diff) Consider coveralls for healthcare When no gowns are available: consider reusable/washable patient gowns, lab coats (worn backwards)
	GLOVES	 Disposable 	Medical grade, nonsterileChange in between residents	Non-medical, industrial

COVID-19+ Confirmed/ Suspected	MASK	• N95	• N95: extended use within isolation status; limited re-use*	 Surgical/medical facemask - extended use/reuse all shift* N95 only with aerosol-generating procedures
	EYE PROTECTION	Goggles/face shield	Extended use/re-use goggles or face shield	Extended use/re-use safety glasses
	GOWN	• Isolation	 Use expired or cloth isolation gowns Change in between patients 	 Extended use/re-use of disposable or cloth gowns Dedicated to patient or room with like patients (no additional infection ex: C.diff) Consider coveralls for healthcare When no gowns are available: consider reusable/washable patient gowns, lab coats (worn backwards)
	GLOVES	• Disposable	Medical grade, nonsterileChange in between patients	Non-medical, Industrial

*unless contaminated (wet, soiled, damaged)