



St. Ann's

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Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment Use Implementation

** This is mandatory PPE use procedure, beginning Monday, April 6 to meet new CDC recommendations.*

Resident Care Space	PPE Requirement
Aerosolizing procedures of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 residents*	Required: N95 respirator mask, PAPR or CAPR, face shield or goggles, gown and gloves
Direct patient care with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 residents	Required: Standard isolation mask or reusable surgical mask, face shield or goggles, gown, and gloves
Direct contact with all residents with non-confirmed and non-suspected COVID-19 status	Continue standard PPE use and requirements, as per normal procedures at St. Ann's
All non-resident contact, public settings (includes: hallways, work rooms, Break Room, etc.)	Required: Standard isolation mask or reusable facemask (applicable to all staff).
*Aerosolizing procedures, including but not limited to: Endotracheal intubation or extubation CPR Non-invasive ventilation: BiPAP/CPAP High flow nasal cannula Nebulizer treatment Bronchoscopy	
Note: any COVID-19 positive residents should wear a standard isolation mask, if they are able, when a staff member is in the room, or when the resident is being transported.	

Summary Notes About Facemasks:

Over the past month, guidance on the use of facemasks for protection against COVID-19 has changed on a frequent basis. At St. Ann's, we have been monitoring guidelines from the CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, numerous medical specialty societies and from our own infection prevention staff. We made this decision because we believe it is safe, prudent and (hopefully) won't change for the foreseeable future.

On the CDC website, you may see a picture of a person wearing an N95 respirator labeled 'preferred PPE.' Alongside that picture is another person wearing a facemask labeled 'acceptable PPE.' Preferred may seem "better" than acceptable. However, when you read the entire CDC website closely, you will find the CDC recommends the use of an N95 respirator during aerosol-generating procedures. This means that when you are not involved in an aerosol-generating procedure, a facemask is not just okay, it is the appropriate protection for that resident encounter.

Finally, our approach to PPE and isolation precautions is in line with other long term care providers, the Spectrum Health System and its senior living centers, and with CDC standards.