

COVID-19 PPE CONSIDERATIONS

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, face masks, and respirators are effective tools in mitigating the risks faced by those in close contact with individuals infected by Coronavirus.

GLOVES

- Disposable Nitrile or Vinyl Gloves: Appropriate for use around suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection.
- Proper Hand Hygiene: Frequent washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer.
- □ Important: Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

RESPIRATORS

- N95 Respirator: A respiratory protective device \square designed to achieve a very close facial fit and very efficient filtration of airborne particles.
- Protection: N95 respirators can filter out airborne particles, including droplets containing viruses such as coronavirus.
- □ **Care**: Due to supply shortages, an N95 may be reused by the same worker unless it becomes damaged, soiled, or if breathing becomes difficult. Respirators must be stored in a sealed container when not in use.



FACE MASKS

- Face Mask: A loose-fitting, disposable device that creates a physical barrier between the mouth and nose of the wearer and the environment.
 - **Protection:** Face masks help to block respiratory secretions produced by the wearer from contaminating other persons and surfaces. Provides limited, but some protection for the wearer.
- □ Care: Face masks should be used only once and then thrown away.



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