

Interim PPE Requirements

Key Messages for PPE Safety Coaches

Topic	Summary
Changes to Continuous Masking and N95 Respirator Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated Joint Statement (see supporting guide) sets out new minimum PPE directions including that all clinical and non-clinical health care workers who enter a room or space, or are within two meters of a patient with suspected, presumed or confirmed COVID-19, will wear a fit-tested N95 respirator or approved equivalent, gown, gloves, and eye protection. There may be situations where a health care worker, based upon their Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) or their assessment of all known and foreseeable risks and hazards, may choose to wear a medical mask instead of an N95 respirator or approved equivalent.
KN95 Mask and N95 Respirator Usage in Contracted Continuing Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff working in contracted continuing care sites may use well-fitting KN95 masks for continuous masking. Contracted Continuing care staff and physicians are required to use Contact and Droplet/Modified Respiratory precautions including a fit-tested N95 respirator or approved equivalent, gown, eye protection and gloves when treating a resident with probable or confirmed COVID-19. N95 respirators or an approved equivalent are required when performing aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMP). Staff should also consider use of an N95 respirator or approved equivalent when determined to be appropriate as part of a PCRA.
Modified Respiratory Precautions Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Modified Respiratory Precautions isolation sign reflects the changes. The key difference between 'Contact and Droplet Precautions' and 'Modified Respiratory Precautions' is the default mask for Modified Respiratory Precautions is a fit-tested N95 respirator or approved equivalent. For more information, refer to the PPE Checklist.



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