

With information changing so quickly it's hard to keep up. Let us help.

What masks should you wear and when?

Staff should follow the guidance of any facility they enter during the workday



Cloth masks should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

Cloth Masks

Protects others

Reuse daily; Launder regularly

Should be worn:

- ✓ Daily at work in a DHS office or congregate care setting
- ✓ At low-risk facilities where no one has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and social distancing is possible (ex: personal care homes)
- ✓ During home visits if you do not enter the home and no one in the home has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis/symptoms
- ✓ In homeless shelters where no one has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis/symptoms



Surgical Masks

Protects self and others

Wear up to 8 hours

Should be worn:

- ✓ When interacting with non-diagnosed individuals, including colleagues working in facilities with high-risk populations like congregate care settings
- ✓ In medium-risk facilities where there may have been positive COVID-19 cases and social distancing is difficult (ex: congregate care homes)
- ✓ During home visits where you do enter the home and no one in the home has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis/symptoms
- ✓ When working on isolation floors in the Safe-Haven Hotel where residents do not have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, are not presumptive positive, or are not self-reporting symptoms
- ✓ In homeless shelters where daily mask laundering is not available, or where there may have been positive COVID-19 cases and social distancing is difficult



N95/KN95 Masks

Highest protection for self and others

Wear up to 8 hours

Should be worn:

- ✓ For any face-to-face interaction (clinical setting, home visit, or quarantine facility) with a client who has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, is presumptive positive, or is self-reporting symptoms
- ✓ During any home situation and a family member has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, is presumptive positive, or is self-reporting symptoms
- ✓ When working on floors in the Safe-Haven Hotel where residents have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, are presumptive positive, or are self-reporting symptoms

