Homeless System Response: When to Use Personal Protective Equipment

Based on your exposure risk level, follow the appropriate guidance in using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Medium to Very High Risk**

**Use PPE**

- Frequent handwashing, using face mask or covering, maintaining physical distance of 6 ft. or more when possible, and other PPE when appropriate (e.g. gloves, isolation gown).

**Lower Risk**

**Use Fabric Covers**

- Frequent hand washing, using cloth covering, and maintaining physical distance of 6 ft. or more from others while in public spaces.

**High population density environments including congregate shelters and encampments**

**Remote workers, those working from home during the pandemic.**

**Face-to-face, in person meetings to provide housing navigation, case management, and street outreach**

**Workers providing only telehealth or remote services.**

**Workers exposed to, or providing care for, known or suspected COVID-19 patients.**

**Workers who do not have frequent close contact with others or work behind glass or protective barriers.**

**Additional Guidance Links**

- [https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html)

If someone tests positive and/or is experiencing possible symptoms of COVID-19, follow local community health plans and CDC recommendations.

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