

Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations

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Type of PPE	Description	Who should use it and when?
N95 mask	Fits the face snugly and prevents respiratory droplets from getting through or around the device. Must be fit-tested to be effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School nurses who must provide nebulizer treatments to students in school (and alternative treatment is not feasible)
Procedure mask (medical/surgical mask)	Disposable mask with an absorbent layer on the inside and a water-resistant layer on the outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School nurses and athletic trainers providing care to students Staff members feeding, dressing, or toileting a child with a disability
Cloth face mask	Reusable mask made from cotton, linen, silk, or other cloth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff at all times while in school, except while eating and drinking during break periods (and separated by 6 feet) School nurses and athletic trainers when they are not wearing procedure masks to provide direct care to students
Face shield (preferred) or goggles	A clear barrier that is used to protect the eyes. A face shield is preferred because it helps protect a mask from splashes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School nurses and athletic trainers providing care to students School nurses who must provide nebulizer treatments to students in school (and alternative treatment is not feasible) Staff members feeding, dressing, or toileting a child with a disability Staff working with students who are unable to wear face masks A face shield is not recommended to replace a face mask, but may be considered as an alternative for staff who are unable to wear cloth face coverings or clear face masks
Gloves	Single-use, disposable gloves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School nurses and athletic trainers providing care to students School nurses who must provide nebulizer treatments to students in school (and alternative treatment is not feasible) Staff members feeding, dressing, or toileting a child with a disability
Gown	Single-use, impenetrable gown that covers the clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School nurses who must provide nebulizer treatments to students in school (and alternative treatment is not feasible) School nurses, athletic trainers, and any staff who are interacting with a person who is producing respiratory fluids or other body fluids (vomiting, coughing with sputum, etc.) Staff members feeding, dressing, or toileting a child with a disability