

# PPE Recommendations for Schools

**Everyone** should wear a cloth face covering as long as it is safe for them to do so.

**Screeners** should wear a surgical facemask, eye protection, and gloves if they will be within 6 feet of those being screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 without any barrier or partition.

**Janitorial staff** should adhere to the safety precautions listed for the disinfectants they are using and wear the indicated PPE. Staff who will clean any isolation or clinic areas where symptomatic individuals have recently been should wear a surgical facemask (or higher-level respirator), eye protection, gloves, and a gown.

**School nurses and clinic staff** should adhere to [Standard Precautions](#) in addition to wearing a surgical facemask or N95 respirator and eye protection when caring for any person.

- Individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be immediately placed in a private room with the door closed. Follow [Contact and Droplet Precautions](#).
- Staff who care for people with symptoms of COVID-19 should wear a N95 respirator (or surgical facemask), eye protection, gown, and gloves.
- Remember to practice good hand hygiene and follow appropriate PPE [donning and doffing practices](#).
- **Never wear the same gown or gloves between patients. Immediately perform hand hygiene after touching or adjusting your mask.**
- Discard facemasks and N95 respirators once they become soiled, contaminated, hard to breathe through, or lose their shape.
- Any PPE that is visibly caked or soiled with blood or other potentially infectious materials should be disposed of in a red bag, otherwise, it can be disposed of normally.