

# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Recommended Use for Special Populations

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**Staff must wear a face covering and/or face shield when providing direct student support services (10/19/20)**

**\*\*This resource is not intended to be exhaustive: schools and programs should evaluate additional; scenarios based on the type of service being provided and associated infection risk while taking into account an individual assessment of student/staff health considerations.**

Type of close services provided to students	Eye Protection Face Shield/Goggles	N-95 Masks	Medical-Surgical Disposable Masks	Non-latex disposable gloves	Disposable gowns/body coverings
Activities such a SPED assessments and Early Childhood Vision and Hearing screenings	Recommended but not required	Not required	Not required	Required if sharing material	Not required
Transportation related support (buckling, unbuckling, wheelchair lockdown).	Recommended but not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Activities such as instruction, therapy related services and crisis behavior response	Recommended but not required	Not required	Not required	Required if sharing materials	Optional
Speech therapy and articulation therapy services	Required	Not required	Not required	Required if sharing materials	Not required
Personal care (diapering, toileting, oral and G-tube feeding that could expose staff to students body fluids)	Required	Not required	Required	Required	Optional
Direct Care (first aid, medications, diabetes care) and monitoring of students unrelated to illness.	Required	Not required	Required	Required	Not required
Direct care and monitoring of staff/students for symptoms of illness in the health office	Required	Not required	Required	Required	Required
Nebulizer treatments (only if unable to use MDI) ,peak flow meter monitoring, oral/nasal suctioning or closed tracheostomy system suctioning, <b>Includes school staff cleaning of room after these procedure- consider closing room for a period of time until deep cleaning</b>	Required	Required . Consider extra mask used to cover/protect N95	Required with a face shield - if N95 is unavailable and treatment is required for student	Required	Required

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**Please click on the following links for more information:**

[Best Practices for Mask](#) and [Cloth Face Coverings for Children](#)

[How to make an accessible, deaf-friendly face mask](#) and [Mask 101: A Guide for Children who are Medically Complex PPE use in school](#)

[CDC School K 12 Tool Kit](#)

*\*\*Adapted from the Minnesota Department of Health*