

Delivery Drivers

Use and Conservation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



PPE does not replace physical distancing, frequent handwashing, or avoiding touching your face, eyes, and mouth.

Due to shortages of PPE, your agency should consider taking steps to conserve your supply of PPE by:



Only using PPE when necessary.



Conserving necessary PPE through extended use and limited reuse when applicable.

When to Wear PPE:

Situation	PPE to Use
General work including handling or being in close contact with materials being delivered	Face mask or cloth face covering if face mask is not available
Going inside residences for deliveries	Face mask or cloth face covering if face mask is not available, gloves

Note: A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer from the virus, but it may prevent the spread of the virus from the wearer to others.

How to Use and Conserve PPE



Face masks or cloth coverings worn around someone who is sick should be thrown out, or in the case of cloth coverings, decontaminated before reuse. For extended use, wash hands before and after taking off the used mask. Store the mask between uses in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container. Dispose of paper bag after daily use and wash container before reuse. Wash cloth face coverings daily.



Change and dispose of gloves between deliveries if supply allows; if supply does not allow, use hand sanitizer on gloves between deliveries. Keep sanitizer in your vehicle and sanitize gloves before leaving for the next delivery. Also sanitize vehicle door handles, steering wheel, console, and any other object inside the vehicle that you touched with the gloved hands. If you are re-using gloves, do not eat or drink in your vehicle.

Other Best Practices

- Maintain physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible
- Avoid direct contact for deliveries if possible; limit close contact time if unable to distance
- If a signature is required for a delivery, use single-use pens or ask recipient to use their own pen
- Wash or sanitize hands often, including before and after handling deliveries; wash hands with soap and water as soon as possible if only sanitizer is initially used
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth
- Cover coughs or sneezes with elbow

Additional Resources:

- [CDC Guidance for Mail & Parcel Delivery Drivers](#)
- [CDC Guidance on PPE Optimization](#)
- [WI DHS Guidance on PPE](#)
- [CDC Information on Cloth Face Covers](#)
- [WI DHS How to Make a Cloth Face Covering Without Sewing](#)
- [Meals on Wheels: FAQ for Volunteers During Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [USPS: Coronavirus Update for Residential Customers](#)

