If you are providing home and community based services, you should follow [CDC’s Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Personnel](https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/), regardless of your county’s [COVID-19 Community Level](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

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| Work requiring close physical contact with people who are ill, including people who are confirmed or suspected positive for COVID-19. | Wear a well-fitting mask or respirator, gloves, and additional PPE including a face shield or goggles, and gown or single-use coveralls, if possible.  
**NOTE:** N95 respirator masks require the wearer to be medically evaluated and fit-tested for the mask. If the wearer is unable to be fit-tested, a well-fitting mask should be used instead. |
| Direct service provider becomes sick                                      | Create a care plan for client so that consistent care is provided even if usual provider becomes sick.                                               |
COVID-19 Layered Prevention Strategies

COVID-19 Vaccine

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines and get a booster dose when eligible to best protect yourself and others.

Masks

- During home visits, clients and caretakers should wear a well-fitting mask or respirator.
- Throw away disposable masks after the visit. Replace your mask immediately if it becomes soiled.
- If you need to take off your mask or respirator, properly store it in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container. Dispose of storage paper bag daily and wash the container before reusing.

Eye Protection (Face Shields, Goggles)

- Avoid touching and adjusting eye protection during the visit.
- Clean hands with hand sanitizer or soap and water if you touch or adjust the face shield or goggles.
- Clean and disinfect eye protection after removing. Store clean eye protection between uses in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container. Dispose of storage paper bags daily and wash container before reusing.

Hand Hygiene

- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol or wash with soap and water often. Hand sanitizer should be kept in vehicle and brought in to visit.
- Clean hands:
  - before and after work breaks or shifts.
  - after coming in contact with contaminated PPE.
  - before entering and exiting the home.
  - before and after touching client.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow rather than your hands.
Staying Safe

Gloves
- **Throw away disposable gloves** after each visit and as needed during the visit.
- **Clean hands before putting on and after taking off gloves.**
- **Do not wear double gloves.**
- **Do not sanitize gloves with hand sanitizer.**

Clean and Disinfect
- **Carry cleaning and disinfectant spray or disposable wipes and disposable trash bags** with you in your vehicle per your company’s policies.
- **Follow the directions on the cleaning product’s label for wet/contact time.** If surfaces are visibly dirty, they should be cleaned with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Allow disinfectant to remain for the proper contact/wet time.

Additional Resources
- Wisconsin DHS PPE Guidance
- Wisconsin DHS: You Stop The Spread
- Wisconsin DHS: COVID-19 Vaccine
- CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker
- CDC How to Protect Yourself and Others