If you are providing home and community based services, you should follow [CDC’s Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Personnel](https://www.cdc.gov) regardless of your county’s [COVID-19 Community Level](https://www.cdc.gov). If a direct service provider becomes sick, create a care plan for the client so that consistent care is provided even if the usual provider becomes sick.

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**Direct service provider becomes sick** | Create a care plan for the client so that consistent care is provided even if the usual provider becomes sick.
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.

Community Level Guidance

- **Know your COVID-19 Community Level** guidance.
- **Throw away disposable masks after the visit.** Replace your mask immediately if it becomes soiled.
- **Speak with a doctor** to learn if you qualify for additional COVID-19 treatments such as monoclonal antibodies and an additional booster dose.

Mask

- Both passengers (if medically tolerated) and transporters 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.

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.
PPE and Prevention Strategies cont.

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.**

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

Staying Safe

Air Circulation

- **Avoid using the recirculated air option for car’s ventilation during passenger transport.** Use the cars vents to bring in fresh air and/or lower the vehicle windows.

Passengers

- **Avoid picking up multiple passengers at the same time.**
- **Passengers should wear a well-fitting mask as able.**
- **Offer passengers hand sanitizer** after entry into vehicle.

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