

Appendix A: Guide for Choosing Protective Equipment

Staff must wear a face covering and/or face shield when providing direct student support services. See the “Face coverings” section for details.

Types of Close Services	Eye Protection: Face Shield or Goggles	N95	Medical/Surgical Disposable Mask	Disposable Gloves (non-latex)	Disposable Gowns, Smock, Other Body Coverings
Activities such as special education assessments and early childhood and vision/hearing screenings.	Optional if unable to tolerate face covering	Not required	Not required	Required, if sharing materials	Not required
Transportation-related support (e.g., buckling/unbuckling, wheelchair lockdown).	Optional if unable to tolerate face covering	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Activities such as instruction, therapy, related services, and crisis/behavior response.	Optional if unable to tolerate face covering or if risk of splash	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 (e.g., diapering, toileting, oral and G-tube feeding) that could expose staff to student’s bodily fluids.	Optional	Not required	Not required	Required	Optional
Direct care (e.g., first aid, medications, diabetes care) and monitoring of students unrelated to illness.	Optional	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Direct care and monitoring of staff/students for symptoms of illness in the health office.	Required	Not required	Required	Required	Optional
Nebulization treatments, peak flow meter monitoring, oral/nasal suctioning, or closed trach system suctioning. Includes staff cleaning the room after these procedures.	Required	Optional	Required	Required	Required
Performing or are present during aerosol-generating procedures, including open trach suctioning and trach cares. Includes staff cleaning the room after these procedures.	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Required

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

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