

Table 1. Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Incarcerated/Detained Persons and Staff in a Correctional Facility during the COVID-19 Response

| Classification of Individual Wearing PPE | N95 respirator | Face mask | Eye Protection | Gloves | Gown/Coveralls |
|--|---|--|----------------|--------|----------------|
| Incarcerated/Detained Persons | | | | | |
| Asymptomatic incarcerated/detained persons (under quarantine as close contacts of a COVID-19 case*) | Apply face masks for source control as feasible based on local supply, especially if housed as a cohort | | | | |
| Incarcerated/detained persons who are confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases, or showing symptoms of COVID-19 | – | ✓ | – | – | – |
| Incarcerated/detained persons in a work placement handling laundry or used food service items from a COVID-19 case or case contact | – | – | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| Incarcerated/detained persons in a work placement cleaning areas where a COVID-19 case has spent time | Additional PPE may be needed based on the product label. See CDC guidelines for more details. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Staff | | | | | |
| Staff having direct contact with asymptomatic incarcerated/detained persons under quarantine as close contacts of a COVID-19 case* (but not performing temperature checks or providing medical care) | – | Face mask, eye protection, and gloves as local supply and scope of duties allow. | | | – |
| Staff performing temperature checks on any group of people (staff, visitors, or incarcerated/detained persons), or providing medical care to asymptomatic quarantined persons | – | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Staff having direct contact with (including transport) or offering medical care to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases (see CDC infection control guidelines) | ✓** | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Staff present during a procedure on a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case that may generate respiratory aerosols (see CDC infection control guidelines) | ✓ | – | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Staff handling laundry or used food service items from a COVID-19 case or case contact | – | – | – | ✓ | ✓ |
| Staff cleaning an area where a COVID-19 case has spent time | Additional PPE may be needed based on the product label. See CDC guidelines for more details. | | | ✓ | ✓ |

* If a facility chooses to routinely quarantine all new intakes (without symptoms or known exposure to a COVID-19 case) before integrating into the facility's general population, face masks are not necessary.

** A NIOSH-approved N95 is preferred. However, based on local and regional situational analysis of PPE supplies, face masks are an acceptable alternative when the supply chain of respirators cannot meet the demand. During this time, available respirators should be prioritized for procedures that are likely to generate respiratory aerosols, which would pose the highest exposure risk to staff.