

PPE Assessment Guidelines for Respiratory Exposure to COVID-19 for City of Columbus Non-Sworn Employees (Version 3, 5 May 20)

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Please note: face coverings are required at all times when working except when exception allowed - please see the COVID-19 Safe Work Practices Guidance for a list of exceptions and examples.

	CANNOT maintain 6 ft of social distancing	Working with the public/non-city employee	Engineering or Administrative controls not sufficient protection	Worker Exposure Risk ¹	Controls	N95 recommended ²
City employees working in a medical or public health capacity with the public (social distancing CAN be maintained)		X		Low	Daily health self-screening Hand sanitizing/washing Clean/Sanitize work station regularly Face covering required, unless exception allowed	NO
City employees working in a medical or public health capacity with the public (social distancing CANNOT be maintained)	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Hand washing/sanitizing Clean/sanitize work station regularly Gloves Eye/face protection Disposable/cleanable gown or body covering	YES
City employee entering an occupied member of the public's home for inspections, home visits, or regulatory compliance when social distancing is unlikely or not possible.	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Phone triage to determine if illness in the home Minimize instances and duration of work Gloves Hand sanitizing or washing Try to maintain 6' distancing from persons inside the home	YES ³
City employee entering an occupied business for inspections or regulatory compliance when social distancing is unlikely or not possible	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Phone triage to determine if illness in the business Minimize instances and duration of work Gloves Hand sanitizing or washing	YES ³
City employee conducting work with a contractor or consultant (social distancing CAN be maintained)		X		Low	Daily health self-screening Hand sanitizing/washing Face covering required, unless exception allowed	NO
City employee conducting work with a contractor or consultant (social distancing CANNOT be maintained)	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Hand washing/sanitizing Gloves Eye/face protection Minimize instances and duration of work	YES ³
Confined space work with two or more people entering confined space (including contractors)	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Hand washing/sanitizing Gloves Eye/face protection Minimize instances and duration of work	YES ³
Municipal bailiffs, security employees, and other employees performing close proximity activities for the public in the municipal court or city other buildings	X	X	X	Medium	Daily health self-screening Hand washing/sanitizing Gloves Eye/face protection Clean/sanitize work areas regularly Limit work to essential tasks and limit exposure time	YES

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City employees working with other City employees where 6' distancing CAN be maintained				Low	Daily health screening Handwashing facilities/hand sanitizer Sanitize work station regularly Barriers when necessary and possible Face covering required, unless exception allowed	NO
City employees working with other City employees where 6' distancing CANNOT be maintained (including employees riding in vehicles together).	X		X	Medium	Daily health self-screenings Hand washing/sanitizing Clean/sanitize work areas regularly Minimize instances and duration of work Limit to essential tasks only Continue to use social distancing when possible Face covering required, unless exception allowed	NO
Mechanic responding on-site for repairs or towing of an uncleaned emergency vehicle where a Medic indicates the previous patient was potentially COVID-19 positive			X	Medium/ unknown	Daily health self-screening Hand washing/sanitizing Allow interior to air out Gloves, eye/face protection Sanitize vehicle	YES

¹ Risk determination based on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

² When N95 respiratory protection is recommended, but not required, ensure that your department is following 29CFR1910.134 Appendix D. Additionally, utilize disposable respirator and mask guidance previously sent out in the COVID safe work practices guidance. If N95 respirators are required based on this or another PPE assessment, the department must follow the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard, 29CFR1910.134, in its entirety

³ Face covering acceptable instead of N95 only if the contractors or occupants are also wearing face coverings. If occupants or contractors will not wear face coverings and N95 respirator is not available the site visit should not continue until appropriate safety measures can be established. Contact your supervisor and safety professional.