



## PRIORITIZATION GUIDANCE FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

The following considerations and decision-making chart serve as guidance for allocation of personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 outbreak. This is only a guidance document. Prioritization strategies should only be used when adequate PPE supplies are not available.

Considerations for determining how to allocate a limited supply of PPE:

- During periods of limited availability, it may be necessary to prioritize allocation of PPE.
- When supplies are less limited, allocations should be as broad as possible to mitigate spread of disease.
- People who are at highest risk of exposure or at highest risk of spreading the disease to a vulnerable population should be prioritized for allocation within each facility.
- Regional PPE allocation should be tailored based on the most current epidemiological data.

Additional measures to optimize PPE should be taken in combination with a prioritization strategy during periods of known shortages. MDHHS guidance, [Optimizing Personal Protective Equipment During Crisis Capacity](#) can be utilized by healthcare workers and other front-line workers to reduce demand to PPE supply. Optimization strategies should only be used when limited supplies prevent the ability to follow conventional standards.

Additional MDHHS guidance is available on [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

Widespread community-transmission or Facility-transmission of COVID-19 occurring?

Yes

No

Facility has adequate PPE supplies

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No

Yes

No

Yes

Aerosol-generating procedures being performed?

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- Prioritization for N95 respirators**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority:**
- Acute Care Hospitals
  - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals
  - Emergency Medical Service Providers
  - Medical Examiners
  - Other settings with respiratory protection programs with trained, medically-cleared, and fit-tested HCP

- Prioritization for facemasks, face shield/goggles, gowns, gloves:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority:**
- Acute Care Hospitals
  - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals
  - Emergency Medical Service Providers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority**
- Long-term Care Facilities
  - State-run Facilities
  - Other Residential Congregate Facilities
  - Dialysis Facilities
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority**
- Outpatient Facilities Collecting Diagnostic Respiratory Specimens
  - Funeral Directors/Mortuary Services
  - Dental Facilities (Urgent Procedures)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Priority**
- Other Outpatient Facilities
  - Home Healthcare
  - Child Care

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  - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Priority:**
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  - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals
  - Emergency Medical Service Providers
- 6<sup>th</sup> Priority**
- Long-term Care Facilities
  - State-run Facilities
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  - Dialysis Facilities
- 7<sup>th</sup> Priority**
- Outpatient Facilities Collecting Diagnostic Respiratory Specimens
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  - Dental Facilities (Urgent Procedures)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Priority**
- Other Outpatient Facilities
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