

## Supplies for Nursing Homes to have on hand during the COVID-19 outbreak

### Personal Protective Equipment for Workers

- Goggles
- Disposable full-face shields
- Gowns
- Non Sterile disposable gloves in various sizes
- Respiratory protection (i.e., a respirator) that is at least as protective as a fit-tested NIOSH-certified disposable N95 filtering facepiece respirator. Ensure that the respirator has not expired and is not used.

### General Supplies

- Alcohol-Based Hand Rub (in all resident-care areas including inside and outside resident rooms)
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Hand Soap
- Surgical masks (for patients with COVID-19 or those suspected of having COVID-19)
- Cleaning supplies from the EPA's list of approved cleaning supplies:  
[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list\\_03-03-2020.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf)
- No touch receptacles for disposal

### Additional Info from [CMS guidance](#):

- Increase signage for vigilant infection prevention, such as hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Properly clean, disinfect and limit sharing of medical equipment between residents and areas of the facility.
- Provide additional work supplies to avoid sharing (e.g., pens, pads) and disinfect workplace areas (nurse's stations, phones, internal radios, etc.).

*“Will nursing homes be cited for not having the appropriate supplies? CMS is aware of that there is a scarcity of some supplies in certain areas of the country. State and Federal surveyors should not cite facilities for not having certain supplies (e.g., PPE such as gowns, N95 respirators, surgical masks and ABHR) if they are having difficulty obtaining these supplies for reasons outside of their control. However, we do expect facilities to take actions to mitigate any resource shortages and show they are taking all appropriate steps to obtain the necessary supplies as soon as possible. For example, if there is a shortage of ABHR, we expect staff to practice effective hand washing with soap and water. Similarly, if there is a shortage of PPE (e.g., due to supplier(s) shortage which may be a regional or national issue), the facility should contact the local and state public health agency to notify them of the shortage, follow national guidelines for optimizing their current supply, or identify the next best option to care for residents. If a surveyor believes a facility should be cited for not having or providing the necessary supplies, the state agency should contact the CMS Branch Office.”*