

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) –Source Control

Policy Statement

Source control measures are utilized as part of the infection prevention and control measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. Source control refers to the use of well-fitting facemasks or respirators that cover the mouth and nose and prevents the spread of respiratory secretions when individuals are breathing, talking, sneezing, or coughing.
2. Well-fitting facemasks are provided as a source control option for visitors and residents. (Only If they want to use it) Masks or respirators with higher-level protection (that are not visibly soiled) may be used by people who choose that option.
3. Source control options for staff include: (only use when entering residents room with positive COVID)
 - a. a NIOSH-approved particulate respirator with N95 filters or higher;
 - b. a respirator approved under standards used in other countries that are similar to NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators (Note: These should not be used instead of a NIOSH-approved respirator when respiratory protection is indicated.) OR
4. When used solely for source control, any of the options listed above may be used for an entire shift unless they become soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through.
5. If they are used during the care of a resident for which a NIOSH-approved respirator is indicated for personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., NIOSH-approved particulate respirators with N95 filters or higher during the care of a resident with SARS-CoV-2 infection or during care of a patient on droplet precautions), they will be removed and discarded after the resident care encounter and a new one will be donned.
6. Staff and visitors will only be asked to wear NIOSH approved respirator and complete PPE if entering resident’s room with COVID positive.

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