Guidelines for the use of Personal Protective Equipment

PPE is to be used per the guidance below.

Gloves: Nitrile disposable gloves are crucial when providing close contact health care to infected individuals. These gloves (and also masks) are becoming increasingly hard to obtain. DJJOY must preserve its supply of these disposable nitrile gloves as much as possible in order to have them available for the medical care of youth. This guidance will specify when disposable nitrile surgical gloves are to be used as PPE by non-medical staff. They should not be used outside of this guideline.

To assist in the effort to preserve disposable gloves, staff will be individually issued durable (and cleanable) gloves. These durable/reusable (DR) gloves will be worn and cleaned routinely and when necessary and be issued directly to each staff. DR gloves should be cleaned per separate protocol.

These DR gloves are to be worn when doing routine cleaning or when in areas when in general supervision of youth who are potentially contaminated with a known infection (but staff do not anticipate close contact). They are also used when in general supervision of symptomatic youth when close contact is not anticipated.

Only in instances where staff are likely to come in direct physical contact with a youth with respiratory symptoms or their belongings, should staff use disposable nitrile gloves.

Definitions of Youth Medical Status (to be determined by medical staff):

- **Symptomatic youth**: youth with fever and respiratory symptoms but could have a cause other than COVID-19.
- **Suspected COVID-19**: youth with fever and respiratory symptom in whom causes other than COVID-19 have been ruled out.
- **COVID infected**: youth has tested positive for the virus which causes COVID-19

PPE PROTOCOLS:

A. Unknown Youth (transport or intake)

   Staff should inquire of the current custodian (detention staff, law enforcement or transport agent) as to the most recent medical assessment of the youth including their temperature.

   1. Transport or intake of a youth with fever and respiratory symptoms from an outside agency.

      Youth: surgical mask
      Staff: Surgical Mask and nitrile glove
      As much as possible staff will distance the youth in the van.
      Staff will wear nitrile gloves when searching youths clothing and placing clothing into a plastic bag.
B. Known Youth who is **without** fever and respiratory symptoms (including cough and/or difficulty breathing)

**No PPE are required.** The use of a mask or gloves in this circumstance is not considered medically necessary.

Continue to encourage social distancing when possible.

Continue to promote frequent hand washing.

C. If a known youth complains of or is observed with respiratory symptoms or distress, staff will direct the youth to their room for bedrest.

Staff will immediately contact the medical department who will come to the unit to assess the youth.

If the symptoms are confirmed and the youth is assessed with a possible viral infection, staff will follow the instructions of the medical staff. If the youth requires further assessment in the medical unit, medical staff will issue the youth and staff masks as needed to move.

If medical staff are not immediately available, the youth should remain in their room on bedrest until they can be assessed by medical staff.

If the Youth is confirmed by medical staff **as having respiratory symptoms and possible fever.**

PPE for Youth: General Surgical Mask (issued by medical department)

PPE for Staff assigned to youth: General Surgical Mask (issued by medical) and DR gloves

PPE Medical staff: General Surgical Mask and nitrile gloves

D. Suspected COVID-19 infection (**Youth has respiratory symptoms and alternative causes ruled out - negative flu**).

PPE for Youth: General Surgical Mask

PPE for Staff *in the same room but not expected to be within 6 ft of the youth:* General Surgical Mask and nitrile gloves

PPE for Staff *(including medical staff) expected to be within 6 feet of youth:* General Surgical Mask, gown, durable goggles, DR gloves.

E. Vehicular Transportation of, or Movement Through Common Areas within the Facility with a **youth having or suspected of having COVID-19:**
PPE for Youth: General Surgical Mask

PPE for ANY Staff expected to be within 6 ft of youth: General Surgical Mask, durable goggles, gowns, nitrile gloves.

F. Environmental Cleaning:

When Cleaning General Areas: durable gloves and durable goggles.

When Cleaning Areas Inhabited by suspected or infected youth (always remove youth before cleaning): General Surgical Mask, gown, DR gloves.