

Considerations for Face Shields

It is not known whether face shields (clear plastic barriers that cover the face) provide the same source control for droplets as facemasks, but they may be an option in rare situations where wearing a facemask is not possible.

- Face shields should only be used in combination with a mask or when a mask cannot be worn.
- Reusable face shields should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- For optimal protection, **the shield should extend below the chin and to the ears, and there should be no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.**



✓ Extends below the chin and to the ears

✓ Has no gap between the forehead and headpiece



✗ Does not extend below the chin or to the ears

✗ Has a gap between the forehead and headpiece



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