

American University

PPE Guide for COVID-19

When used correctly, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can help protect the wearer against various workplace hazards, including COVID-19. PPE is not recommended in every situation or for every person, and the university has an evidence-based approach to determine which workplace tasks require the use of PPE. While indoors on university property, all individuals are required to supply and wear a face covering. For most job tasks, this face covering is the only PPE needed to promote a safe workplace environment. Faculty, staff, and students are permitted to provide their own additional PPE as long as the PPE does not create an additional hazard in the application in which it is worn/used.

The university will also provide appropriate PPE pursuant to a university-approved Workplace Reasonable Accommodation. This document describes common types of PPE provided by the university and their approved uses.

New requests for PPE must be made and approved through the Environmental Health and Safety office at pina@american.edu. Once approved, orders can be placed by contacting Procurement at pcd@american.edu. Requests for Workplace Accommodations should be made using the [form](#) on the AU portal.

Nitrile Gloves

Disposable gloves are provided by the university to individuals who perform the following tasks. This document describes the protection to the wearer.

Individuals visiting the campus premises are expected to bring and wear their own face coverings, as required by the _____

Disinfectant wipes or spray

Surface transmission is not a major source of [COVID-19 transmission](#). Individuals may choose to provide their own disposable wipes as desired for use in personal workspaces.

Hand sanitizer

Hand sanitizer stations can be found in all major building entry points and/or in elevator bays across campus. Refills can be requested by submitting a 2FIX ticket at 2fix@american.edu.

More Information

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