Ombudsman PPE Requirements for Indoor Facility Visits

Ombudsmen may use this decision tree to determine what personal protective equipment (PPE) is required for an indoor facility visit. Review the Ombudsman Reentry Plan, version 4 for more information.

Did the ombudsman complete training as required in the Ombudsman Reentry Plan (v.4)?

- **NO**: Do not visit until training is complete.
- **YES**: Is the ombudsman experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, positive for COVID-19, or have known exposure to a person with laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 infection?

- **NO**: Is the ombudsman regularly testing for COVID-19?
  - **NO**: The ombudsman must wear an N95 for indoor visits.
  - **YES**: Is the ombudsman fully vaccinated for COVID-19?
    - **NO**: The ombudsman must wear an N95 for indoor visits.
    - **YES**: The ombudsman may wear a surgical mask for an indoor visit, if it is a cold zone. *See reminders below.

- **YES**: Do not visit.

*Reminders:*
- Ombudsmen must wear full PPE when visiting a warm or hot zone. Full PPE means gloves, N95 respirator, goggles or face shield, and gown or coveralls.
- Fit testing for an N95 is recommended but is no longer required.
- A cloth face covering is not PPE and not allowed for any visit.
- Ombudsmen must wear a surgical facemask or higher for outdoor visits.