

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT | AUGUST SAFETY SEGMENTS

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is part of what is referred to as the hierarchy of controls in hazard management. PPE is lowest on the list of desired controls after engineering and administrative controls but PPE plays a necessary part in the everyday work performed in continuing care

WELLNESS FOCUS: PPE & SKIN HEALTH

Wearing PPE for a prolonged amount of time or changing it often without giving your skin time to recuperate can have some harsh effects. Here are some tips that will help to reduce discomfort and aid in maintaining skin health while using PPE.

DIRECTIONS

Using the [infographic](#) as a guide lead some discussion around how continuous use of PPE might have an impact on the workers skin. The [infographic](#) contains points on some preventive measures that can be used to reduce some of the effects of prolonged PPE use.

SAFETY SEGMENT DISCUSSION

Guiding Questions:

- Why is it important to rinse your hands well after washing with soap?
- Is it okay to just use hand sanitizer all the time without occasionally washing your hands normally?
- What are some of the signs the PPE is impacting your skin?

Notes to the Team Leader:

- Provide the [infographic](#) as a hand out after the discussion

