

Resources for Personal Protective Equipment

The Michigan Department of Education-Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO) has gathered resources to assist districts with questions they may have about personal protective equipment (PPE) for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

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- [Rethinking Deaf & Hard of Hearing Accessibility in Post-COVID-19 Classrooms \[PDF\]](#) (bit.ly/33b5dgD)
California Hands & Voices offers a one-page infographic with recommendations. This document, along with other information and resources including information about [face mask requirements](#) (bit.ly/39D4GoZ), can be found on the [California Hands & Voices website](#) (cahandsandvoices.org).
- [Communicating Effectively While Wearing Masks and Physical Distancing](#) (bit.ly/2XaIDIB)
The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) provides communication information and tips for individuals who are DHH.
- The Educational Audiology Association has created two position statements regarding the pandemic and planning for fall:
 - [Consideration of Face Shields as Return to School Option \[PDF\]](#) (edaud.org/pdf/faceshields.pdf)
 - [Remote Learning and Technology \[PDF\]](#) (edaud.org/pdf/remote-learning.pdf)
- [Masks and Face Shields: General Considerations \[PDF\]](#) (bit.ly/308gyw1)
The Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education within the Indiana State Department of Health offers a one-page informational sheet on masks and face shields.
- [Consideration of Face Shields](#) (bit.ly/2D1cQLR)
The American Cochlear Implant Alliance provides guidance about the use of face shields or masks.
- [Masks and Face Shields](#) (connect-hear.com/article-categories/masks)
Audiologist Dr. Tina Childress has compiled information and resources about using clear face masks and face shields.

Guidance for Sanitizing Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT)

- [Guideline \(COVID-19\): Sanitization of Roger Products Classrooms \[PDF\]](#) (bit.ly/2X6ziKq)
The Phonak company provides guidance for sanitizing Roger products.
- [COVID-19 Guidance Document: Cleaning of Oticon Remote Microphone \[PDF\]](#) (bit.ly/3fb5dj9)
The Oticon company provides guidance for cleaning remote microphones.
- [List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#) (bit.ly/2P9c0PE)
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a list of disinfectants to use against COVID-19. Districts may refer to this list as well as guidance from HAT manufacturers to make decisions.