

Healthy at Work



Effective April 19, 2021

Supplemental Requirements for Healthcare Facilities

These supplemental requirements apply to healthcare facilities. All Entities must also comply with current [Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements](#) and all Supplemental Requirements applicable to their setting and/or activities.

For these requirements, a “healthcare facility” is any entity where medical, surgical, therapeutic, laboratory, diagnostic radiology or other healthcare services (i.e., “healthcare services”) are provided.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky relies upon licensed healthcare professionals within the state to implement these requirements with appropriate professional judgment to minimize spread of COVID-19 and reduce risk to patients receiving healthcare services.

- In areas where healthcare services are provided, healthcare facilities are not bound by Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements capacity restrictions. In healthcare service areas, healthcare facilities should exercise appropriate judgment and care with respect to the number of persons necessary in the context of the specific setting, services provided, and need to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Healthcare facilities are required to comply with Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements capacity restrictions and other relevant Healthy at Work Supplemental Requirements in non-healthcare service areas (e.g., cafeterias, common areas, meeting rooms, office spaces, etc.) to the fullest extent practicable.
- Licensed clinicians should determine COVID-19 screening and/or testing requirements appropriate to specific healthcare settings, healthcare services, and individual patient circumstances to promote clinician and patient safety to the extent practicable.
- Healthcare facilities must maintain readily available access to a 14-day supply of all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) based upon a projected burn rate for the facility.
- Healthcare facilities must require all persons at the facility to wear face coverings consistent with their role (e.g., clinician, other staff, patient, visitor, etc.) and in alignment with current CDC guidance.
- Healthcare facilities should adapt their visitation policies as necessary to balance patient care and support needs with the need to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission. In this context, healthcare facilities must take the steps as above and in Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements to promote physical distancing, reduce congregating, and otherwise reduce the density of persons within their facilities.