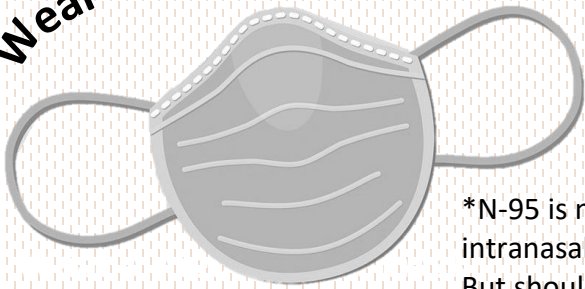# Vaccinating during COVID-19

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Immunization Division wants to ensure all providers are staying safe and keeping patients healthy, while continuing to vaccinate patients.

Below are **five (5) key standard precautionary measures** providers can take to safely vaccine patients. These range from wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to hand hygiene.
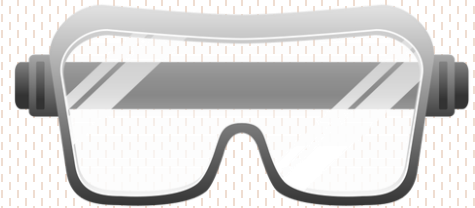
Take the necessary actions to protect you and your community!

Wear a medical facemask!

*N-95 is not required for intranasal or oral vaccines. But should be used if you suspect a patient has/been exposed to COVID-19.[1]

Use secure eye protection!

*Goggles or a disposable face shield may be used.[1]

Change gloves between patients!

*Wearing gloves is not a substitute for hand hygiene!
*Gloves should be utilized[1] when giving the following vaccinations:

- Intranasal
- Oral

Practice hand hygiene!

*Wash your hands before and after patient contact.[1]

Throw PPE waste in a trash can!

*Do not leave used or soiled PPE on surfaces. Directly dispose used and soiled PPE in the trash.[2]

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