

# GLOVE conservation

## COVID-19



CDC does not recommend disinfection of disposable medical gloves as standard practice. This practice is inconsistent with general disposable glove usage, but, in times of extreme disposable medical glove shortages, this option may need to be considered.

### Crisis Capacity Strategies

**Prioritize use:** Any contact with potentially hazardous substances, including blood and body fluid

#### Extended use:

Only for disposable **NOT** non-healthcare glove alternatives  
Wear gloves without changing them between patients or tasks **only when:**

1. patients in cohorts (same infectious disease diagnosis in shared or adjacent location.)
2. During glove supply crisis (sanitize between treating patients within cohort)



**Gloved hands must be cleaned following cleaning procedures (from a 'dirty' to 'clean' task and between patients)**

**Disposable medical gloves should always be discarded after:**

Visible soiling, any signs of damage or a maximum of four hours of continuous use



**Doffing:** Previously removed gloves should not be re-donned to avoid tears and contamination.  
Disposable gloves should never be "re-used".

### Crisis Capacity (cont.)



After removing gloves, hand hygiene should be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water

### SOAP AND WATER

Use soap and water to clean donned disposable medical gloves

Can clean with soap and water up to 10 times or until the gloves become contaminated or ineffective

Follow hand hygiene guidance for proper soap and water hand hygiene procedures

### Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer

Nitrile gloves can be disinfected up to six applications or fewer if gloves become contaminated or compromised

Follow hand hygiene guidance for proper applications of ABHS