

Dear Caregiver,



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Topic: Latex Allergy

There is no treatment for latex allergy; only solution is to completely avoid products that contain latex.

What you can do to minimize risk:

- Use powder-free gloves, low in protein and chemical allergens
- Use gloves appropriate for the task
- Avoid latex gloves for situations where latex will contaminate the environment and cause unnecessary risk (i.e. food service, cleaning, hairdressing)
- Wash, rinse, and dry hands thoroughly after use or between glove changes
- Use a pH-balanced soap
- Remove gloves hourly to air and dry hands
- Use non-oil-based hand care products with gloves while at work
- Use non-sensitizing products outside of work to restore the skin's lipid barrier
- Wear synthetic gloves or cotton liners with latex work gloves for wet work



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