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Q: Do you know of a regulation that would prevent us from posting an isolation sign on a resident’s door with regard to wearing personal protective equipment (PPE)? We want to ensure there is no potential for a HIPAA or dignity citation.

A: In discussing this with IDPH, they stated that as long as there was not any information on the signage that contained resident specific information, there would not be a problem. The signage cannot contain names of those infected or the type of infection. The signage should just state that PPE is required before entering room and/or who to contact for further instructions.