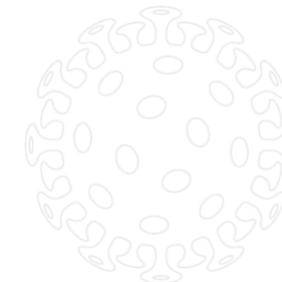


Recommended PPE for ambulance staff, paramedics, other patient transport services and pharmacy staff LEVEL 2

Setting	Context	Disposable Gloves	Disposable Plastic Apron	Disposable fluid-repellent coverall/gown	Fluid-resistant (Type IIR) surgical mask	Filtering face piece respirator	Eye/face protection ¹
Ambulance staff/paramedic/pre-hospital critical care/Helicopter Emergency Medical Service/hospital transport services	Performing an aerosol generating procedure e.g. intubation, suctioning ² on a possible or confirmed case(s) ³	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴
	Direct patient care – with a possible or confirmed case.	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴
	Driver conveying possible or confirmed case(s) ³ in vehicle with a bulkhead, no anticipated direct care ⁷	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Driver conveying possible or confirmed case(s) ³ in vehicle without a bulkhead, no direct patient care and within 2 metres ⁷	✗	✗	✗	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴
Pharmacy staff/workers	Entering a clinical area	✗	✗	✗	✓ sessional use ⁵	✗	

DOUBLE GLOVING IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

1. This may be single or reusable face/eye protection/full face visor or goggles.
2. The list of aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) [\\reiltys\iomgroot\DeptShare_DHSS_Nobles\All Staff\Infection Prevention & Control Resource Area\AGP\Aerosol Generating Procedures verison 1.docx](#)
3. A case is any individual meeting case definition for a possible or confirmed case: <https://covid19.gov.im/about-coronavirus/symptoms-and-self-assessment/>
4. Single use refers to disposal of PPE or decontamination of reusable items e.g. eye protection or respirator after each patient and/or following completion of a procedure, task, or session; dispose or decontaminate reusable items after each patient contact as per Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs).
5. A single session refers to a period of time where a health care worker is undertaking duties in a specific care setting/exposure environment e.g. on a ward round; providing ongoing care for inpatients. A session ends when the health care worker leaves the care setting/exposure environment. Sessional use should always be risk assessed and considered where there are high rates of hospital cases. PPE should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, soiled, or uncomfortable.
6. In communal waiting areas and during **transportation, it is recommended that suspected or confirmed cases wear a surgical face mask** if this can be tolerated. The aim of this is to minimise the dispersal of respiratory secretions reducing both direct transmission risk and environmental contamination. A surgical facemask should not be worn by patients if there is potential for their clinical care to be compromised (e.g. when receiving oxygen therapy).
7. Ambulance staff conveying patients are not required to change or upgrade PPE for the purposes of patient handover.



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