

Recommended PPE for primary, outpatient, community and social care by setting, NHS and independent sector 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
Any setting	Performing an aerosol generating procedure ² on a possible or confirmed case ³	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single ⁴	✓ single use ⁴
Primary care, ambulatory care, and other non-emergency outpatient and other clinical settings e.g. optometry, dental, maternity, mental health, CATCH/Hot Sites	Non-direct care - in reception/communal area with possible or confirmed case(s) ³ and unable to maintain 2 metres social distance ⁶ with no physical barrier in place	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}
	Direct care to any member of the household where any member of the household is isolating or possible or confirmed case ³	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}
Individuals own home (current place of residence)	Home birth where any member of the household is a possible or confirmed case ³	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}
	Facility with possible or confirmed case(s)- and direct resident care (within 2 metres)	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}
Community and social care, care home, mental health and other overnight care facilities, e.g. learning disability, hospices, prison healthcare		✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}
Any setting	Collection of nasopharyngeal swab(s)	✓ single use ⁴	✓ single use ⁴	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}	✗	✓ single or sessional use ^{4,5}

DOUBLE GLOVING IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

STAFF MUST MAINTAIN 2 METRES FROM EACH OTHER AT ALL TIMES UNLESS UNDERTAKING DIRECT CARE

Changes from version 10 – Dental section regarding AGP has been removed and Dentals should follow guidance Any setting -performing a AGP on a confirmed or suspected case.

1. This may be single or reusable face/eye protection/full face visor or goggles.
2. The list of aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) is included [\reilys\iomgroot\DeptShare_DHSS_Nobles\All Staff\Infection Prevention & Control Resource Area\AGP\Aerosol Generating Procedures version 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. Initial COVID assessment should take place before patients enter a waiting room
7. For explanation of vulnerable groups see guidance: <https://covid19.gov.im/general-information/vulnerable-groups/>

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