

## Recommended PPE for healthcare workers by secondary care inpatient clinical 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 <sup>1</sup>
Acute hospital inpatient and emergency departments, mental health, dental and maternity settings	Performing a single aerosol generating procedure with possible or confirmed case(s) in any setting outside a higher risk acute care area <sup>4</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>
	Working in a higher risk acute care area <sup>4</sup> with possible or confirmed case(s) <sup>3</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ sessional use <sup>6</sup>	✗	✓ sessional use <sup>6</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup> / sessional <sup>6</sup>
	Direct and non-direct care - Working in an inpatient, maternity, radiology area with possible or confirmed case(s) <sup>3</sup> – direct patient care (within 2 metres)	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>
	Working in an emergency department/acute assessment area with possible or confirmed case(s) <sup>3</sup> – within 2 metres of patients	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ sessional use <sup>6</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup> / sessional <sup>6</sup>
	All individuals transferring possible or confirmed case(s) <sup>3</sup> (within 2 metres) to other areas	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single <sup>5</sup> / sessional <sup>6</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup> / Sessional <sup>6</sup>
	Operating theatre with possible or confirmed case(s) <sup>3</sup> – no AGPs <sup>2</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>
	Labour ward/area – 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> stage labour vaginal delivery (no AGPs <sup>2</sup> ) – possible or confirmed case <sup>3</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>	✗	✓ single use <sup>5</sup>

**DOUBLE GLOVING IS NOT RECOMMENDED.**

- This may be single or reusable face/eye protection/full face visor or goggles.
- The list of aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) can be found at [\reilys\iomgroot\DeptShare\\_DHSS\\_Nobles\All Staff\Infection Prevention & Control Resource Area\AGP\Aerosol Generating Procedures verison 1.docx](#)
- A case is any individual meeting case definition for a possible or confirmed case: section 2 <https://covid19.gov.im/about-coronavirus/symptoms-and-self-assessment/>
- Higher risk acute areas include: ICU/HDUs Cohort; ED resuscitation areas; wards with non-invasive ventilation; operating theatres; endoscopy units for upper Respiratory, ENT or upper GI endoscopy; and other clinical areas where AGPs are regularly performed e.g. Dental and Chest Physio.
- 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).
- A 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.

**Patients should be encouraged to socially distance from each other.**

**Ambulance staff conveying patients are not required to change or upgrade PPE for the purposes of patient handover.**