

* UK government advice:
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New guidelines on use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by healthcare workers significantly expands the potential use of eye protection and fluid-resistant surgical masks, including to doctors carrying out face to face assessments where a patient's risk of Covid-19 is unknown.*

Situation	Mask/respirator	Apron/gown	Eye protection	Gloves
Performing AGP on patient with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 OR All patients in context of sustained Covid-19 transmission	 FFP3 (filtering facepiece) respirator Filters at least 99% of airborne particles If FFP3 not available: FFP2 and N95 respirators filter 94% and 95% of particles	 Long sleeved disposable fluid resistant gown Must be worn when <ul style="list-style-type: none">risk of splashing of body fluids disposable plastic apron provides inadequate cover of staff uniform or clothes for the procedure or task being performed	 Full face shield or visor <u>only</u>	 Disposable gloves
Within higher risk acute inpatient care areas (where APGs are regularly performed)	 Fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR) Provide barrier protection against droplets	 Disposable plastic apron	 Eye protection Can be any of <ul style="list-style-type: none">fluid resistant surgical mask with integrated visorfull face shield or visorpolycarbonate safety spectacles	
Labour ward (not aerosol generating procedures or surgery) for possible or confirmed cases (or all patients subject to local risk assessment)				
Face to face assessment or direct care where risk of covid-19 cannot be established prior to consultation				
Inpatient area with suspected or confirmed covid-19 patients (giving direct care)				
Primary care, direct care of possible or confirmed case (or all patients subject to local risk assessment)				
Emergency or acute admissions, possible or confirmed cases (or all cases subject to local risk assessment)				
Transfer of possible or confirmed cases				
Operating theatres without aerosol generating procedures, treatment of possible or confirmed cases (or all patients subject to local risk assessment)	 Local risk assessment	 Eye protection See examples above	 Standard Infection Prevention and Control procedure	
Inpatient area with suspected or confirmed covid-19 patients (not giving care)	 Not applicable			
Inpatient areas with no identified suspected or confirmed cases	 Local risk assessment			

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