

PPE requirements

Low risk (green) pathway

PPE requirements:

- Fluid resistant surgical mask (FRSM) sessional use
- Gloves and aprons when providing direct care
- Eye protection if risk of splash to face



Staff in areas with no direct contact with patients



Staff in direct contact with ALL patients

Medium risk (amber) pathway

PPE requirements:

- Fluid resistant surgical mask (FRSM) sessional use
- Gloves and aprons when providing direct care
- Eye protection (risk assess)
e.g. caring for a new admission that has not been risk assessed as safe to step down from isolation, care of an exposed contact, risk of splashes to face



Staff in areas with no direct contact with patients



Staff in direct contact with ALL patients

High risk (red) pathway

PPE requirements:

- Fluid resistant surgical mask (FRSM) and eye protection sessional use
- Gloves and aprons when providing direct care



Staff in areas with no direct contact with patients



Staff in direct contact with ALL patients

Good practice

- Always be bare below the elbows, only one plain band ring allowed
- PPE is not a substitute for hand hygiene. Always clean hands after removing PPE
- PPE items should be removed in the following circumstances:

Damaged
Soiled

Damp

Uncomfortable

Difficult to breathe through

Having a drink

Leaving a clinical area

Changed in-between tasks

- Never eat/drink/smoke with your mask pushed down/ sideways/ lifted up. Always remove completely
- Remember: If you touch your mask to adjust it, make it more comfortable or accidentally then you must wash or gel your hands immediately – **every time**.
- Clean any reusable eye protection with Clinell wipes
- If a FFP3 mask is needed, the user must have passed a fit test

Please see the coronavirus intranet site for further information, including posters, on safely putting on and taking off PPE.



Medium (amber) & high (red) risk pathways

Resuscitation, restraint and for Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)

PPE requirements:

- Gloves
- Gown
- FFP3 Mask
- Eye protection

NB: Apron or coverall maybe used in restraint. Risk assess.