

Surrey LRF SCG - COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required by national guidance (24 March 2020)

Table 1 - Non-Healthcare settings

(Includes services provided by local government, educational settings, voluntary sector, private business sector that are not covered by tables 2,3,or 4)

Scenario	PPE				Additional items	
	Disposable plastic apron (single use)	Disposable gloves (single use)	Fluid repellent surgical mask (single use)	Eye protection (single use if available)**	Disposable bags (for waste) *	Hand Hygiene (hand washing or hand sanitiser)
Well staff visiting well clients	x	x	x	x	x	√
Well staff helping ill clients but NO close personal contact (maintain >2m social distancing)	x	x	x	x	√	√
Well staff cleaning areas where ill clients are/have been	√	√	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	√	√

* Waste must be disposed in plastic bag and tied, placed into second bag and tied, stored in a secure place for 72 hours, then put in normal waste collection service

** If single use eye protection is not available, it must be washed and dried between clients

National guidance:

- [COVID-19 List of national guidance](#)

Table 2 - Residential care, supported care and home care (children and adults)
 (Specific national guidance covers residential/nursing homes, supported living, home care providers)

Scenario	PPE				Additional items	
	Disposable plastic apron (single use)	Disposable gloves (single use)	Fluid repellent surgical mask (single use)	Eye protection (single use if available) **	Disposal bags (for waste)*	Hand Hygiene (hand washing or hand sanitiser)
Well staff visiting well clients	x	x	x	x	x	√
Well staff providing close personal contact*** to ill clients	√	√	√	√ (where risk of splashing)	√	√
Well staff helping ill clients but NO close personal contact (maintain >2m social distancing)	x	x	x	x	√	√
Well staff cleaning areas where ill clients are/have been	√	√	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	√	√

* Waste must be disposed in plastic bag and tied, placed into second bag and tied, stored in a secure place for 72 hours, then put in normal waste collection service

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*** Close personal contact such as washing and bathing, personal hygiene, contact with bodily fluids

National guidance:

- [COVID-19: Residential Care, Supported Living and Home Care guidance](#)
- [COVID-19: Cleaning in non-healthcare settings guidance](#)

Table 3 - Community based healthcare settings

(Specific national guidance covers GP practices. Other settings include dental practices****, hospices, community pharmacies, community mental health settings)

Scenario	PPE				Additional items	
	Disposable plastic apron (single use)	Disposable gloves (single use)	Fluid repellent surgical mask (single use)	Eye protection (single use if available)**	Disposal bags (for waste)*	Hand Hygiene (hand washing or hand sanitiser)
Well healthcare worker (HCW) with well patient (no COVID-19 symptoms)	x	x	x	x	√	√
Well health care worker (HCW) more than 1 metre from a patient with possible/confirmed COVID-19 (ill patients)	x	x	x	x	√	√
Well healthcare worker (HCW) within 1 metre of a patient with possible/confirmed COVID-19 (ill patients)	√	√	√	√ (where risk of splashing)	√	√
Well healthcare worker (HCW) undertaking nose or throat swabs from a patient with possible COVID-19 (ill patient)	√	√	√	√ (if at risk of coughing)	√	√
Well staff cleaning areas where ill clients are/have been	√	√	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	√	√

* Waste must be disposed of following clinical waste guidelines

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**** If dental practitioners are to undertake aerosol generating procedures (such as drilling) they should see table 4

National guidance:

- [COVID-19: Guidance for primary care](#)

Table 4 - Acute based healthcare settings
(Specific national guidance covers acute hospital settings)

Scenario	PPE						Additional items	
	Disposable plastic apron (single use)	Disposable gloves (single use)	Disposable Gown	Fluid resistant surgical mask (single use)	FFP3 respirator	Disposable eye protection (single use)**	Disposal bags (for waste)*	Hand Hygiene (hand washing or hand sanitiser)
Well healthcare worker (HCW) with well patient (no COVID-19 symptoms)	x	x	x	x	x	x	√	√
Entry to cohort area (only if necessary) no patient contact*	x	x	x	√	x	x	√	√
Well healthcare worker (HCW) within 1 metre of a patient with possible/confirmed COVID-19 (ill patients)	√	√	x	√	x	√ (where risk of splashing)	√	√
High risk units where AGPs are being conducted eg: ICU/ITU/HDU	√	√	x	x	√	√	√	√
Aerosol generating procedures (any setting)	x	√	√	x	√	√	√	√
Well staff cleaning areas where ill clients are/have been	√	√	x	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	x	x (unless visible bodily fluids)	√	√

* Waste must be disposed of following clinical waste guidelines

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National guidance

- [COVID-19: Infection prevention and control guidance](#)
- [NHS Coronavirus guidance for clinicians](#)

Additional information

Reporting Supply disruption (taken from NHS Guidance on supply and use of PPE letter 20 March 2020)

The supply distribution helpline can answer PPE calls and emails 24/7 via the supply disruption helpline on 0800 915 9964 or email supplydisruptionservice@nhsbsa.nhs.uk to help with queries. Emails will be answered within one hour.

Shelf life of PPE items (taken from NHS Guidance on supply and use of PPE letter 20 March 2020)

- The NHS's stockpiled PPE is checked as part of the stock management process operated through the NHS Supply Chain. This means rotating stock to make sure that items which have been there the longest are issued first.
- Some products may appear to have out-of-date 'use by/expiration' dates or have relabelled 'use by/expiration' dates. Please be assured products being issued have passed stringent tests that demonstrate they are safe. The PPE is exposed to extreme conditions for prolonged periods, to see how the product deteriorates. All that are not up to standard are destroyed and not distributed.
- We have been working with independent test facilities and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) who, after being provided with scientific evidence, were content with our assessment that these are safe to use.

Please note:

- **These tables have been produced by Surrey County Council Public Health and PHE South East Health Protection Team on behalf of Surrey LRF SCG.**
- **National guidance is constantly changing and this document will be updated as necessary.**