

<p><b>Risks are still evident where activities are conducted for none AGP's in close proximity to possible/confirmed COVID cases</b></p> <p>Risk of infection to Ambulance staff can still occur within one/two metre of a patient with possible or confirmed COVID-19. However, the evidence and guidance from WHO/PHE is that a different level of PPE is required.</p> <p>There is a risk of infection from <u>extensive</u> splashing of blood and/or other body fluids.</p>	<p>Staff are encouraged to continue to carry out dynamic risk assessment in relation to PPE used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- fluid repellent/surgical facemask</li> <li>- disposable plastic apron</li> <li>- disposable gloves</li> </ul> <p>Relevant PPE from extensive splatter patterns/splashing/blood etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- eye protection if there is a risk of splashing or exposure to respiratory droplets.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Use of PPE</b></p> <p>There is a risk to staff members if PPE is incorrectly used and doesn't afford the necessary protecting against COVID-19</p>	<p>Care should be taken to ensure that PPE is donned and doffed correctly to avoid inadvertent contamination.</p> <p>All used PPE must be disposed of as clinical waste and any reusable items e.g. eye protection or powered respirator ensemble kit FFP3 respirator hoods must be cleaned according to manufacturer/ Trust IPC instructions.</p> <p>FFP3 masks must only be used by staff who have been fit tested for the mask they are using, and staff must complete a fit check every time they</p>	

	<p>are required to wear one.</p> <p>Powered respirator checks must be performed before each use, in accordance with the Trust instructions, including a battery check.</p> <p>FFP3 facemasks can be safely worn for prolonged periods, the general recommendation from HSE would be for no more than 3 hours before changing</p>	
<p>Staff Members who have been exposed to a suspected COVID-19 case</p>	<p>Staff members who have been exposed to a suspected COVID-19 case but have been wearing appropriate PPE do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms according to Public Health England Guidance. The recommended PPE for no suspected cases where no AGPs is being undertaken is stated above.</p>	<p>Any staff member who develop symptoms of COVID-19 and is concerned should seek medical advice, speak to a manager/Occ Health.</p>