

Health workers and coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Wear PPE according to your task

Follow your facility protocols but ensure you are wearing the minimum PPE as below:

Low risk areas:

Clinical areas:

- Surgical mask

Non-clinical areas:

- Cloth mask

PPE is in short supply: avoid using medical PPE if not in direct contact with patients.



**High risk areas
Managing a patient
with suspected or
confirmed COVID-19:**

- Surgical mask
- Goggles or visor
- Plastic apron
- Non-sterile gloves



Performing aerosol-generating procedure¹ on patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

- Respirator
- Goggles or visor
- Fluid resistant gown or apron
- Non-sterile gloves



¹Aerosol-generating procedures include: collecting respiratory specimens (naso- or oropharyngeal swabs), chest physiotherapy, nebulisers, sputum induction, endotracheal intubation. Avoid nebulisers and sputum induction if suspected/confirmed COVID-19.

Change or clean your PPE when needed



Gloves

Change between each patient.

Apron/gown

Change between each patient or if short supply, change only if wet, dirty, damaged or after performing aerosol-generating procedure¹.

Surgical mask

Discard after the shift or sooner if touched by unwashed hands, or gets wet, dirty or damaged.

Respirator

- May be reused for up to 1 week. If reusing, perform seal test before each use.
- Discard after 1 week, or sooner if gets wet, dirty or damaged.

Goggles/visor

Clean and disinfect after removing.

