

Covid-19 – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements not including Home Care, Residential Homes or Supporting Living

For most situations the best control is to maintain a 2 metre social distance, good and frequent hand-washing with soap and running water and the use of hand sanitiser to supplement hand-washing or where hand washing is not possible.

If PPE such as gloves and aprons are already required to carry out the job safely then these should continue to be worn. However, gloves should be removed if they could create a safety hazard, such as entanglement in machinery or impair grip on the steering wheel when driving.

If PPE is required because 2 meter social distancing cannot be maintained and staff are required to carry out essential functions this must be subject to a risk assessment and advice sought from CCBC's Health and Safety Division by calling 01443 864430 or e-mailing: healthandsafety@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Fluid-resistant surgical masks (FRSM) – this would only be required to be worn by those required to work within 2m of an individual to provide personal care.



FFP2 or FFP3 mask – this would only be required to be worn by those required to provide support within 2 metres of an individual confirmed or suspected to be unwell due to covid-19 infection.

Vinyl or nitrile gloves – only where working within 2 meters of a confirmed/suspected case or where gloves are required as part of standard operating procedures and/or vinyl/nitrile gloves are worn under standard gloves to reduce the risk of transmission.



Apron – where working within 2 meters of a confirmed/suspected case, or required as part of standard operating procedures.



Handwashing – when you arrive at work/home, before eating or handling food, after coughing/sneezing/blowing nose, after removing gloves and frequently throughout the day. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.



Hand sanitiser – as above where hand washing is not possible. Must contain at least 60% alcohol content.



For more information visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control>.