

PPE guidelines for Street Support/Street Outreach/Homeless Hostels (02.07.2020)

PPE guidelines issued by Public Health England (PHE) do not specifically mention homeless outreach or hostel settings at present. These local guidelines have been compiled using the PHE guidelines for community/primary care settings.

PPE available for homeless outreach and hostels

Face masks should be Type IIR fluid resistant surgical masks which are single or continuous use. Continuous use should be considered in most cases to ensure economical use of available stock. When you need to remove your mask (e.g. to take a drink, eat, if visibly soiled or damp) then you need to dispose of it safely. Do not dangle your face mask or eye protection around your neck.

Plastic aprons should be available and are single use and disposable.

Disposable gloves should be available in a range of sizes (small/medium/large). Nitrile gloves are preferred.

Eye/face protection may be single or reusable face/eye protection/full face visor or goggles.

When to wear PPE

Due to the nature of the clients we serve, it is advisable to wear a face mask **at all times** when in an environment where you may come into contact with clients. This includes on the street if working in an outreach capacity or in a building if working in a hostel or hotel environment.

When delivering direct care/interventions which would require physical interaction with clients (within 1m from the client), their belongings or their home environment, disposable gloves and aprons should be worn and disposed of after each individual encounter.

Eye/face protection should be worn when dealing with possible or confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in addition to the PPE items mentioned above if within 1m of the client.

Gloves, aprons, face masks and face protection must be worn when taking a COVID-19 swab.

Gloves and/or aprons should not be worn at any other time.

Appropriate social distancing, including remaining 2m away from clients at any time should be maintained where possible. Hand hygiene should be maintained at appropriate points throughout the day including the use of alcohol hand gel.

Donning PPE

Pre-donning instructions

- Ensure well hydrated
- Remove jewellery
- Tie back hair
- Check correct PPE available in the correct size

Donning instructions

- 1** Perform hand hygiene before putting on PPE.



- 2** Put on apron and tie at waist.



- 3** Put on facemask – position upper straps on the crown of your head, lower strap at nape of neck.



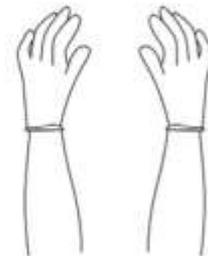
- 4** With both hands, mould the metal strap over the bridge of your nose.



- 5** Don eye protection if required.



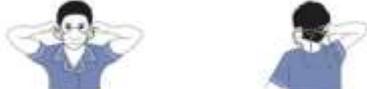
- 6** Put on gloves.



Doffing PPE

- PPE should be removed in an order that minimises the risk of self-contamination
- Gloves, aprons and eye protection (if used) should be taken off in the client's room if appropriate
- PPE items must be disposed of in a clinical waste stream (orange bag)

Doffing instructions

<p>1 Remove gloves. Grasp the outside of glove with the opposite gloved hand; peel off. Hold the removed glove in the remaining gloved hand.</p>		<p>Slide the fingers of the un-gloved hand under the remaining glove at the wrist. Peel the remaining glove off over the first glove and discard.</p>	
<p>2 Clean hands.</p> 	<p>3 Apron. Unfasten or break apron ties at the neck and let the apron fold down on itself.</p>	<p>Break ties at waist and fold apron in on itself – do not touch the outside – this will be contaminated. Discard.</p>	
<p>4 Remove eye protection if worn. Use both hands to handle the straps by pulling away from face and discard.</p>		<p>5 Clean hands.</p>	
<p>6 Remove facemask once your clinical work is completed. Untie or break bottom ties, followed by top ties or elastic, and remove by handling the ties only. Lean forward slightly. Discard. DO NOT reuse once removed.</p>		<p>7 Clean hands with soap and water.</p> 	<p>NB- alcohol hand gel can be used in the absence of soap and water</p>

A video demonstration of the donning and doffing procedure can be found here https://youtu.be/-GncQ_ed-9w