

Title	PPE Guidance
Applies to	All clinical staff RAH / IRH
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Minimum PPE requirement:

IIR FR surgical mask to be worn in the ED environment irrespective of direct patient contact.

Adherence to social distancing guidance essential within the ED, especially during breaks.

Visitors / relatives should wear a face covering or be supplied with a face mask on arrival.

<p style="text-align: center;">All Patients Level 1 PPE Patient wears surgical mask (If clinically appropriate)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AGP Level 2 PPE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIR FR Surgical Mask • Gloves • White apron • Goggles / Safety Glasses / Face shield 	<p>Do not perform AGP in open area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit tested FFP3 mask • Face shield • Surgical Gown • Undergloves • Overgloves • Theatre cap (consider)
<p style="text-align: center;">PPE 'SESSION'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If attending to multiple patients, consider maintaining goggles and face mask in situ unless visible contamination. Change gloves and apron between each patient encounter. This will minimise risk during doffing of mask and eye protection. • Goggles are <u>not single use</u> and must be decontaminated with detergent wipe then 70% alcowipe as per GGC guide. • Discuss all patients with senior prior to performing throat / ENT examination. • Pay meticulous attention to doffing PPE prior to exiting patient room. 	<p><u>Always</u> buddy check</p> <p><u>Relevant ED AGP definitions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIV • Intubation / Extubation / LMA placement • Tracheostomy care • Manual Bag Valve Ventilation • Open Suctioning • Induction of Sputum with nebulised saline • Thoracostomy / Open Chest Drain / Thoracotomy • Bubbling chest drain* <p>*To avoid dubiety, wear level 2 (FFP3) PPE to insert and connect all chest drains (open and closed) for pneumothorax. Perform procedure in a closed room. A bubbling chest drain circuit is considered aerosol generating.</p>

To mitigate, adapt the drainage bottle with filter as per separate GGC guideline (see CEM).

Once the drainage bottle has been adapted with a filter to the suction port, level 1 PPE can be worn to further assess, nurse and transfer the patient. Changing / disconnecting the filter or drainage bottle in a patient with unknown Covid status requires level 2 PPE.

Closed chest drain insertion for fluid / needle aspiration for pneumothorax are not considered an AGP.