



## Recommended PPE for Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) including COVID-19 for staff in prisons and community offender accommodation

**Table 1. Standard Practice (no known infection)**

Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable plastic apron	Disposable fluid repellent coverall or gown	Fluid repellent (type IIR) surgical mask	Fit tested filtering face piece respirator	Eye or face protection
<b>Routine prison and probation accommodation staff tasks</b>						
Tasks <b>not</b> involving possible exposure to blood and body fluids.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tasks involving possible exposure to blood or body fluids (urine, faeces, vomit, sputum).	√ Single use	√ Single use	X unless excessive exposure likely	√ If splash likely - Single or sessional use	X	√ If splash likely - Single or sessional use
On disposing of PPE and after contact with a person, always clean your hands.						
<b>Officers on ambulance escort, hospital bedwatch or dental treatment escort</b>						
Within the room of an aerosol-generating procedure (AGP) on a person who is <b>not</b> suspected or confirmed to have an ARI <sup>1</sup> , while the clinician is undertaking the procedure.	√ Single or sessional use	√ Single or sessional use	X	√ Single or sessional use	X	√ Single or sessional use
On disposing of PPE and after contact with a person, always clean your hands.						

**Table 2. ARI Precautions (known or suspected ARI, including periods of increased incidence like outbreaks, or determined by risk assessment)**

Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable plastic apron	Disposable fluid repellent coverall or gown	Fluid repellent (type IIR) surgical mask	Fit tested filtering face piece respirator	Eye or face protection
<b>Routine prison and probation accommodation staff tasks</b>						
Social contact with prisoners, persons on probation (PoP), staff, visitors (tasks not involving exposure to blood or body fluids (moving clients, escorting, work supervision).	X	X	X	√ Single or sessional use	X	X
Tasks involving possible exposure to blood or body fluids (urine, faeces, vomit, sputum).	√ Single use	√ Single use	X unless excessive exposure likely	√ If splash likely – Single or sessional use	X	√ If splash likely – Single or sessional use
Working in cell or room with client with possible or confirmed ARI: risk assess exposure to blood or body fluids depending on task and wear gloves and an apron if likely (see table 1).	! Risk assess	! Risk assess	X	√ Single or sessional use	X	√ Single or sessional use
Physical contact with clients with suspected or confirmed ARI.	√ Single use	√ Single use	X	√ Single or sessional use	X	√ Single or sessional use
On disposing of PPE and after contact with a person, always clean your hands.						
<b>Officers on ambulance escort, hospital bedwatch or dental treatment escort</b>						
Within the room of an aerosol-generating procedure (AGP) <sup>2</sup> on a person who <b>is</b> suspected or confirmed to have an ARI <sup>1</sup> , while the clinician is undertaking the procedure.	√ Single use	X	√ Single use	X	√ Single use or battery powered respirator	√ Single use
In contact with a person who has undergone an AGP but is no longer in the AGP treatment area.	! Risk assess	! Risk assess	X	√ Single use	X	√ Single or sessional use
On disposing of PPE and after contact with a person, always clean your hands.						

<sup>1</sup> For further information refer to the [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19](#).

<sup>2</sup> For further information on AGPs refer to the [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual for England](#).

Single use refers to disposal of PPE after each prisoner and/or following completion of a procedure or task. Sessional use refers to a period of time when the custody or probation worker is undertaking duties in a specific setting or exposure environment. The session ends when the staff member leaves the setting or exposure environment. For further information, refer to the [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual for England](#).