

# Core brief

## Daily COVID-19 update

We are committed to ensuring that staff have the information you need to know what to do and how to respond to the current COVID-19 situation.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at:

[www.nhsqgc.org.uk/covid19](http://www.nhsqgc.org.uk/covid19).

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions guidance for clinical staff has also been published on the Coronavirus Information Hub, found on the [front page of StaffNet](#), and this will be updated as the situation changes and new information comes to hand (latest guidance published today 16 March 2020)

Queries/escalation of issues

The current situation regarding COVID-19 is understandably raising lots of questions. If you have questions we ask that you check the online resources available, speak to your line manager or email:

[staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

For any issues that require to be escalated, please raise them through the normal route i.e. reporting them to your line manager.

## Updated information on PPE

In Friday's Core Brief we sent out a link to Health Protection Scotland guidance for health care workers on infection control measures including the use of personal protective equipment. This guidance has now been updated and the link you should now use is: <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/>:

For ease, we have re-produced a table from the guidance which summarises personal protective equipment (PPE) for the care of patients with COVID-19.

**Table 1: Transmission based precautions (TBPs): Personal protective equipment (PPE) for care of patients with pandemic COVID-19**

	Entry to cohort area (only if necessary) no patient contact*	General ward *	High risk unit ICU/ITU/HDU	Aerosol generating procedures (any setting)
<b>Disposable Gloves</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Disposable Plastic Apron</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Disposable Gown</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Fluid-resistant (Type IIR) surgical mask (FRSM)</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Filtering face piece (class 3) (FFP3) respirator</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Disposable Eye protection</b>	No	Risk assessment	Risk assessment (always if wearing an FFP3)	Yes

\*Personal protective equipment (PPE) for close patient contact (within 1 metre) also applies to the collection of nasal or nasopharyngeal swabs.

### Study leave and training

We have received a number of enquires asking for the position on study leave and training. It is important that, during this time, staff ensure they continue to keep their Health and Safety related Statutory and Mandatory training up to date as a minimum i.e. falls prevention, sharps training and moving and handling should be prioritised. Otherwise, all study leave, conferences and developmental training is cancelled and no new requests will be considered until further notice. Further information on this can be found on the latest version of the [HR guidance for staff and managers](#), and the [staff FAQs](#) which were published today.

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# Please remember to wash your hands

Follow the correct hand washing procedure

[www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)



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