

Speciality guides for patient management during the coronavirus pandemic

Clinical guide: PPE for care of women with known or suspected coronavirus in labour

For use in conjunction with Public Health England's infection prevention and control guidance published [here](#) and [here](#).

An individual risk assessment should be carried out before/at the time of providing care to determine which scenario applies and when the risk has changed. Examples of possible scenarios are given, and your local infection prevention and control team can provide additional advice if required.			
Scenario		Examples	PPE required
A	Low risk of splashing of secretions (including respiratory secretions), blood, body fluids or excretions	Routine care including in 1 st stage of labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluid resistant surgical mask • Gloves • Plastic apron
B	Risk of splashing of secretions (including respiratory secretions), blood, body fluids or excretions	2 nd /3 rd stage of labour Vaginal delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluid resistant surgical mask • Gloves • Long-sleeved fluid repellent disposable gown • Eye protection
C	Aerosol generating procedure (AGP)	<p>As defined in PHE IPC guidance. Includes maternal intubation.</p> <p>Note the following are not aerosol generating events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heavy exhalation in labour • use of entonox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFP3 respirator • Gloves • Long-sleeved fluid repellent disposable gown • Eye protection <p>AGP for mother: All individuals in the room. Only essential staff in room.</p> <p>AGP for neonate: The risk that any aerosol generated during neonatal resuscitation would contain clinically significant virus is considered so low that the PPE as described in Scenario B is recommended.</p>