

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) CHECKLIST

ALL STAFF WEARING ENHANCED PPE AND ENTERING ISOLATION NEED A 'BUDDY SYSTEM' WHERE A DESIGNATED CLINICIAN IS CHECKING CORRECT PROCEDURE IS FOLLOWED AND PROVIDING A 'CLEAN' PAIR OF HANDS. WHENEVER EQUIPMENT / SAMPLES ARE PASSED BETWEEN ISOLATION AND OUTSIDE, THE 'BUDDY' MUST WEAR STANDARD PPE (GLOVES AND APRON). BUDDY SHOULD OPEN DOORS FROM OUTSIDE

Patient Label	PPE worn by:	
	Buddy:	

Putting on enhanced PPE	Tick
Wear scrubs	
Perform hand hygiene	
Put on rubber boots or shoe covers (white, with cord fastening)	
Put on non sterile gloves (under cuff)	
Put on water impervious body suit, with elastic over thumb, shoe cords tucked in and zip cover sealed	
Put on water impervious long sleeve gown (eg blue plastic apron or theatre gown)	
Put on FFP3 mask and check fit (see poster)	
Put up hood on body suit, over mask	
Put on flexible (disposable) or rigid (reusable) face shield, over hood	
Put on surgical gloves (over cuff)	

Blood tests / samples

Blood tests should be placed into 5 separate specimen bags – blood cultures, VHF screen (serum save, urine), FBC / malaria screen, clotting, biochemistry

Bags should be passed to 'buddy' wearing standard PPE. Buddy holds clean specimen bag open and samples placed inside (roll down the top of bag slightly to ensure outer surface of bag is not contaminated)

Seal bags inside plastic container (may need 2 to fit). Specimens should be hand-delivered to the lab.

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Removing enhanced PPE (all waste into orange bin bag)	Tick
Remove gown and outer gloves, roll inside-out	
Remove face shield from behind the head	
Pull down hood from behind the head	
Open zip cover with one hand, and with second hand undo zip, being careful not to touch skin	
Remove suit, rolling inside out and remove inner gloves	
Perform hand hygiene and put on clean non sterile gloves	
Remove FFP3 mask from behind the head (caution – ensure stretch does not cause mask to ‘invert’ on face)	
At door (opened by buddy) remove shoe covers, stepping outside to taped area	
Place shoe covers and gloves in orange bin bag (held by buddy), seal and pass back into isolation room	
OR if removing rubber boots, remove without touching and step out of room	
Remove scrubs / shower if required in decontamination shower (ambulance entrance). Scrubs can be placed in red laundry bin if no contamination (if spillage, orange bag for incineration)	
Rubber boots and reusable face mask placed in bucket for cleaning with chlorine	

Removal of PPE should be watched carefully by the ‘buddy’ and any accidental contamination identified.

Should this occur, wash area thoroughly with soap and water and contact microbiology for advice

Please document any issues below

Comments / concerns