

All healthcare settings facemask guide

Setting	Context	 Disposable gloves	 Disposable plastic apron	 Disposable fluid resistant gown or coverall	 Fluid-resistant (Type IIR) surgical mask	 Filtering face piece respirator (FFP3/FFP2/N95)	 Eye/face protection ¹
All healthcare settings	All staff (both clinical and non-clinical), at all times when not otherwise required to wear PPE for the provision of clinical care	✗	✗	✗	✓ sessional use*	✗	✗ **
	All outpatient and visitors to healthcare settings	✗	✗	✗	✓ face covering	✗	✗
	All visitors to wards and visiting patients within strict visiting times	✓	✓		✓		

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*Sessional use refers to a period of time until you are removing your mask (e.g. when having a break).
Facemasks should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, wet, soiled, or uncomfortable.

**Contact Infection Prevention and Control to risk assess the use of a visor as a possible alternative to a surgical mask dependant on patient needs only.

Staff working in a single person office do not need to wear a mask, but will be required to wear one when leaving the private work area to move through the healthcare environment e.g. on an errand and when arriving/leaving and if accompanied in the office by others.
Administration staff working in healthcare settings (including hospitals, GP surgeries, pharmacy and community settings) are required to wear a face mask.
Staff working in multi-occupancy offices should wear masks unless the area has clearly been demonstrated to be COVID-secure, e.g. 2m distancing, frequent environmental surface cleaning, one way movement, adequately ventilated, etc.