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Current PPE guidelines as per Public Health England (PHE) recommendations are detailed below for non-aerosol generating procedures (non-AGPs) and aerosol generating procedures (AGPs). These are subject to change as more evidence and guidelines emerge. Please visit the PHE website for up to date information regarding PPE.

* Individual risk assessment for each staff member to be completed
* All FFP2 / FFP3 masks must be fit tested.
* The use of powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) hood to be considered for those who are unable to wear FFP2/FFP3 protection due to a failure of fit testing as a result of having a beard and are unable to shave for either religious or cultural reasons
* Strict protocol in place regarding the doffing and disinfection of any reusable mask
* Advisable to wear a long-sleeved fluid repellent gown for AGPs

**Examples of Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs) and Non-AGPs**

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| **AGP** | **Non-AGP** |
| * Use of high-speed handpieces for routine restorative procedures and high-speed surgical handpieces * Use of ultrasonic or other mechanised scalers * High pressure 3:1 air syringe | * Remote consultations * Oral health assessment * Preventative and self-care measures delivered in line with Delivering Better Oral Health, non-AGP aspects * Hand instrumentation/scaling * Simple dental extractions * Caries excavation with hand instruments * Caries removal with slow speed and high-volume suction * Placement of restorative material * Orthodontic treatment * Removable denture stages (if patient has normal gag reflex) * Paediatric oral health including stainless steel crowns (Hall crown) and diamine fluoride applications |

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| **Objective** | **Non-AGPs** | **AGPs** | **Waiting Room/Non-Clinical Room** |
| Gloves |  |  |  |
| Type IIR fluid resistant surgical mask |  |  |  |
| FFP2 or FFP3 respirator |  |  |  |
| Eye protection/face shield |  |  |  |
| Disposable plastic apron |  |  |  |
| Fluid resistant gown or Non-fluid resistant gown with disposable apron on top |  |  |  |

### The below poster can be found at:

### <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878056/PHE_COVID-19_visual_guide_poster_PPE.pdf>

**More visual guides to safely donning and doffing PPE can be found at:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-aerosol-generating-procedures>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures>

**Further Guidance;**

<https://bda.org/advice/Coronavirus/Pages/returning-to-work.aspx>

<http://www.sdcep.org.uk/published-guidance/covid-19-practice-recovery/>

<https://www.fgdp.org.uk/news/covid-19-latest-guidance-and-resources-gdps-0>

<https://www.fgdp.org.uk/sites/fgdp.org.uk/files/editors/Implications%20of%20COVID-19%20for%20the%20safe%20management%20of%20general%20dental%20practice%C2%A0-%20a%20practical%20guide.pdf>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/06/C0575-dental-transition-to-recovery-sop-4-June.pdf>

<https://bda.org/login?ReturnUrl=%2fadvice%2fba%2f_layouts%2f15%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252Fadvice%252Fba%252FDocuments%252Freturning%252Dto%252Dwork%252Dtoolkit%252Epdf&Source=%2Fadvice%2Fba%2FDocuments%2Freturning-to-work-toolkit.pdf>

