

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Workplace PPE

Standard workplace PPE requirements should be followed. Additional PPE should be used where appropriate to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including masks and gloves.

Masks

In general, masks do not need to be worn if maintaining a distance of more than 1m from other individuals. Masks protect individuals from COVID-19 spread through coughing and sneezing. However, droplets are not expected to travel more than 1m from one individual to another.

Masks could be considered as an additional measure when:

- working between 1 and 2m of another person
- travelling in cars with others from outside your bubble
- when caring or transporting someone that is unwell or suspected COVID-19 symptoms

Workers using masks should be instructed how to correctly wear, remove and dispose of a mask. Used masks should be immediately disposed of in a rubbish bin.

Gloves

In general, gloves may help to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, they are not effective if workers then touch their face while wearing gloves.

If wearing gloves they should be changed after each use. Consider using gloves when:

- Touching shared surfaces or equipment.
- Undertaking cleaning, including the emptying of rubbish bins.

Workers using gloves should be instructed how to correctly remove and dispose of used gloves. Used gloves should be immediately disposed of in a rubbish bin.

PPE / Equipment when cleaning

Maintain good hygiene practices before and after cleaning /laundry and wear the required PPE:

- General cleaning – Wear tight fitting disposable gloves – dispose of gloves after use.
- Toilets – Long gloves, keep separate from other cleaning equipment until washed with water and detergent.
- Use disposable equipment if possible and place all used items in a bag, seal and dispose with general waste.