

Who needs PPE?



Write down three jobs from your list of key workers from the previous activity. Tick what personal protective equipment (PPE) you think they might need and give a reason.

Look back at the 'Why practise social distancing?' sheet and try to think about whether or not the work you have chosen will involve a risk from contaminated surfaces. Will it involve a risk from larger droplets from other staff or members of the public who are speaking or breathing less than two metres away, or who share an enclosed space for a long period of time? Will it involve a risk of virus particles carried in tiny droplets from a sneeze or cough or perhaps released during an operation?

Two examples have been completed already.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)							
Job	Gloves	Apron	Gown	Mask	FFP3 mask	Eye protector	Reason
Medical staff treating Covid-19 patient	✓		✓		✓	✓	In an enclosed space treating infectious people for a long time or doing operations that generate infectious droplets.
Pharmacist				✓			In an enclosed space, socially distanced from people who may be infectious.

The kind of PPE that is needed is also different depending on the level of risk. So, for example, medical staff who are treating patients who definitely have Covid-19 may need to wear long-sleeve gowns and FFP3 (filtering face-piece 3) respirator masks, instead of aprons and surgical masks.