


Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): for staff taking nasopharyngeal/throat swabs from people with suspected COVID-19 infection

	Beginning of day and in-between people requiring a nasopharyngeal / throat swab	Break time	Continuing shift and in-between people	End of shift
 <p>Always perform hand hygiene*</p>	Perform hand hygiene	Wash hands between removing all items of PPE	Perform hand hygiene before putting on PPE between glove changes and removing PPE	Wash hands in between removing all items of PPE
 <p>Wear a long sleeve impervious gown</p>	Don a gown.	Remove gown and discard into clinical waste.	Don a gown.	Remove gown and discard into clinical waste.
 <p>Use a Surgical Mask</p>	Don a mask. Replace mask if becomes damp.	Remove mask by straps and discard into clinical waste.	Don a mask. Replace mask if becomes damp.	Remove mask by straps and discard into clinical waste.
 <p>Wear eye protection*</p>	Don eye protection.	Remove eye protection.	Don eye protection.	Remove eye protection.
 <p>Use non-sterile Gloves</p>	Don gloves. Replace between each person. Perform hand hygiene after removing gloves.	Remove gloves and discard into clinical waste.	Don gloves. Replace between each person. Perform hand hygiene after removing gloves.	Remove gloves and discard into clinical waste.

Please refer to guidance on donning and doffing of PPE and Ministry information on COVID-19.
www.health.govt.nz/covid19-hp-resources

* Perform hand hygiene according to the WHO 5 moment for hand hygiene

* Face shield or goggles. Prescription glasses is not classed as eye protection. Remember to clean eye protection between uses.