



UNITED NATIONS SOMALIA

Criteria for wearing COVID-19 personal protection equipment (PPE)

COVID-19 PPE is only effective if users have received and follow the instructions on their proper use. Instructions on wearing a mask are attached, and disposal of PPE items must be controlled, and placed in closed containers.

The use of COVID19 PPE across the world varies based on common practices and cultural views. The WHO advice is that wearing a mask of any type is not recommended if a person is not displaying symptoms and is not undertaking activities that bring them into contact with people who are at a higher risk of COVID-19.

Within UN Somalia, the medical recommendation has been for PPE to be used by health care workers treating suspect and confirmed COVID-19 cases, and for COVID-19 patients themselves. The use of PPE by UN camp security personnel (e.g. UNGU) has also been authorised by UN senior management. This is the current minimum mandatory requirement, which is being implemented.

UN Somalia senior management (ECMT) may expand the use of COVID-19 PPE in response to concerns by personnel who work in areas involving increased exposure to possible infection. UNSOS shall ensure that any expansion of COVID-19 PPE use for public health and safety purposes shall not adversely impact UN medical operational capacity in Somalia.

The following is the criteria for PPE use for public health and safety purposes:

- All personnel required to wear PPE are to receive and follow instructions on its proper use and disposal
- Once PPE requirement for medical needs are met, additional issuance of PPE may be considered by heads of UN entities and may consider issuing to personnel who regularly come into close physical contact with personnel from multiple organisations, including:
 - aviation terminal workers,
 - aircrew interacting with passengers or other non-crew personnel
 - available in bunkers for use by personnel seeking protection during a security incident
 - catering services workers,
 - drivers of passenger transport vehicles

- technicians physically assisting staff members with communications devices and systems
- visitor reception personnel
- cleaners (if cleaning near or around other people)
- other circumstances where regular close interaction occurs between personnel that are not of the same 'bubble'.

The issuance of COVID-19 PPE beyond use in medical activities, shall be reported to the COVID-19 Task Force (through email unsom-cmc-mg1@un.org) who are actively monitoring, and any further adjustments to this guidance shall be advised by the SRSG.

HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK

**Before putting on a mask,
clean hands with alcohol-
based hand rub or soap
and water**



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HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK

**Cover mouth and nose
with mask and make sure
there are no gaps
between your face and
the mask**



HOW TO PUT ON, USE, TAKE OFF AND DISPOSE OF A MASK

To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



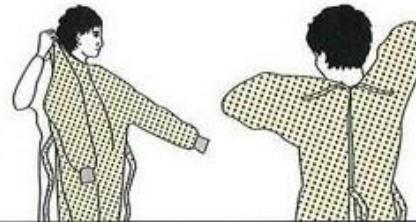
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SEQUENCE FOR PUTTING ON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The type of PPE used will vary based on the level of precautions required, such as standard and contact, droplet or airborne infection isolation precautions. The procedure for putting on and removing PPE should be tailored to the specific type of PPE.

1. GOWN

- Fully cover torso from neck to knees, arms to end of wrists, and wrap around the back
- Fasten in back of neck and waist



2. MASK OR RESPIRATOR

- Secure ties or elastic bands at middle of head and neck
- Fit flexible band to nose bridge
- Fit snug to face and below chin
- Fit-check respirator



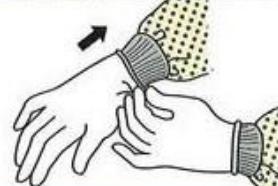
3. GOGGLES OR FACE SHIELD

- Place over face and eyes and adjust to fit



4. GLOVES

- Extend to cover wrist of isolation gown



USE SAFE WORK PRACTICES TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND LIMIT THE SPREAD OF CONTAMINATION

- Keep hands away from face
- Limit surfaces touched
- Change gloves when torn or heavily contaminated
- Perform hand hygiene



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