



Removal of (doffing) personal protective equipment (PPE)

PPE should be removed in an order that minimises the potential for cross contamination. Unless there is a dedicated isolation room with ante room, PPE is to be removed in as systematic way before leaving the patient's room i.e. gloves, then gown and then eye protection.

The FFP3 respirator must always be removed outside the patient's room.

Where possible (dedicated isolation room with ante room) the process should be supervised by a buddy at a distance of 2 metres to reduce the risk of the healthcare worker removing PPE and inadvertently contaminating themselves while doffing.

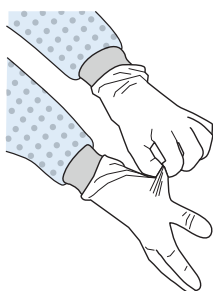
The FFP3 respirator should be removed in the anteroom/lobby. In the absence of an anteroom/lobby, remove FFP3 respirator in a safe area (e.g., outside the isolation room). All PPE must be disposed of as healthcare (including clinical) waste.

The order of removal of PPE is as follows:

1 Gloves – the outsides of the gloves are contaminated

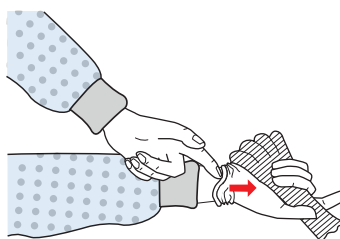
Firstly:

- grasp the outside of the glove with the opposite gloved hand; peel off
- hold the removed glove in gloved hand

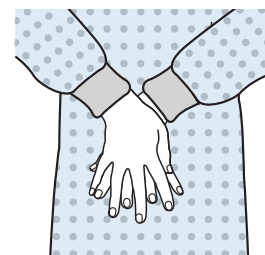


Then:

- slide the fingers of the un-gloved hand under the remaining glove at the wrist
- peel the remaining glove off over the first glove and discard



Clean hands with alcohol gel



2 Gown – the front of the gown and sleeves will be contaminated

Unfasten neck then waist ties



Pull gown away from the neck and shoulders, touching the inside of the gown only using a peeling motion as the outside of the gown will be contaminated

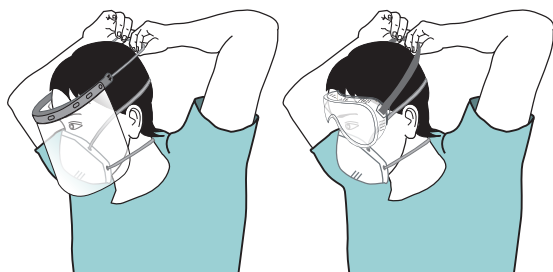


Turn the gown inside out, fold or roll into a bundle and discard into a lined waste bin



3 Eye protection (preferably a full-face visor) - the outside will be contaminated

To remove, use both hands to handle the restraining straps by pulling away from behind and discard.



4 Respirator – In the absence of an anteroom/lobby remove FFP3 respirators in a safe area (e.g., outside the isolation room). Clean hands with alcohol hand rub.

Do not touch the front of the respirator as it will be contaminated

- lean forward slightly
- reach to the back of the head with both hands to find the bottom retaining strap and bring it up to the top strap
- lift straps over the top of the head
- let the respirator fall away from your face and place in bin



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Wash hands with soap and water

