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COVID-19 STATUS: SUSTAINED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION

PPE supplements, but does not replace, other infection and prevention control measures – see [PPE at a glance](#) and the [Covid-19 framework for primary eye care providers](#).

Setting	Context	Single use gloves	Single use plastic apron	Face coverings (1)	Surgical mask	Type IIR surgical mask	Eye/face protection (2)	Source(s)
Primary eye care. No suspect/confirmed Covid-19 cases	Optometrist, contact lens or dispensing opticians providing care within 2m – eye examination, contact lens fitting etc. This is in addition to using a slit-lamp breath shield						Risk assess sessional use (3)	Table 4 and College of Optometrists
	Pre-screening/dispensing where working face-to-face within 2m – e.g. to measure PDs/mark varifocals						Risk assess sessional use (2)	Table 4 and ABDO/College of Optometrists
	Non-face-to-face working within 2m subject to risk assessment – e.g. other safety controls in place and for limited duration only (4)							See footnotes 1 and 4
	Staff working >2m							Table 3 and College of Optometrists
Domiciliary	Visit and direct care within 2 metres						Risk assess single or sessional use (2)	Table 2 , official UK PPE guidance
Patient use	Primary eye care setting where no Covid-19 suspect/confirmed cases are seen and staff use appropriate PPE							Section 9 UK PPE guidance

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¹ Face coverings are **not** PPE.

² If you assess this is necessary, then this can be a single or reusable face/eye protection/full face visor or goggles (Source: [Footnote 1, Table 4](#))

³ Risk assess refers to using PPE when there is an anticipated/likely risk of contamination with splashes, droplets of blood or body fluids. Where staff consider there is a risk to themselves or the individuals they are caring for, they should wear a fluid repellent surgical mask with or without eye protection as determined by the individual staff member for the care episode/single session (Source: [Footnote 4, Table 4](#))

⁴ See [Section 1.1](#). in HM Government guidance on managing Covid-19 risks and College of Optometrists "Should my reception staff or patients wear PPE? [here](#)