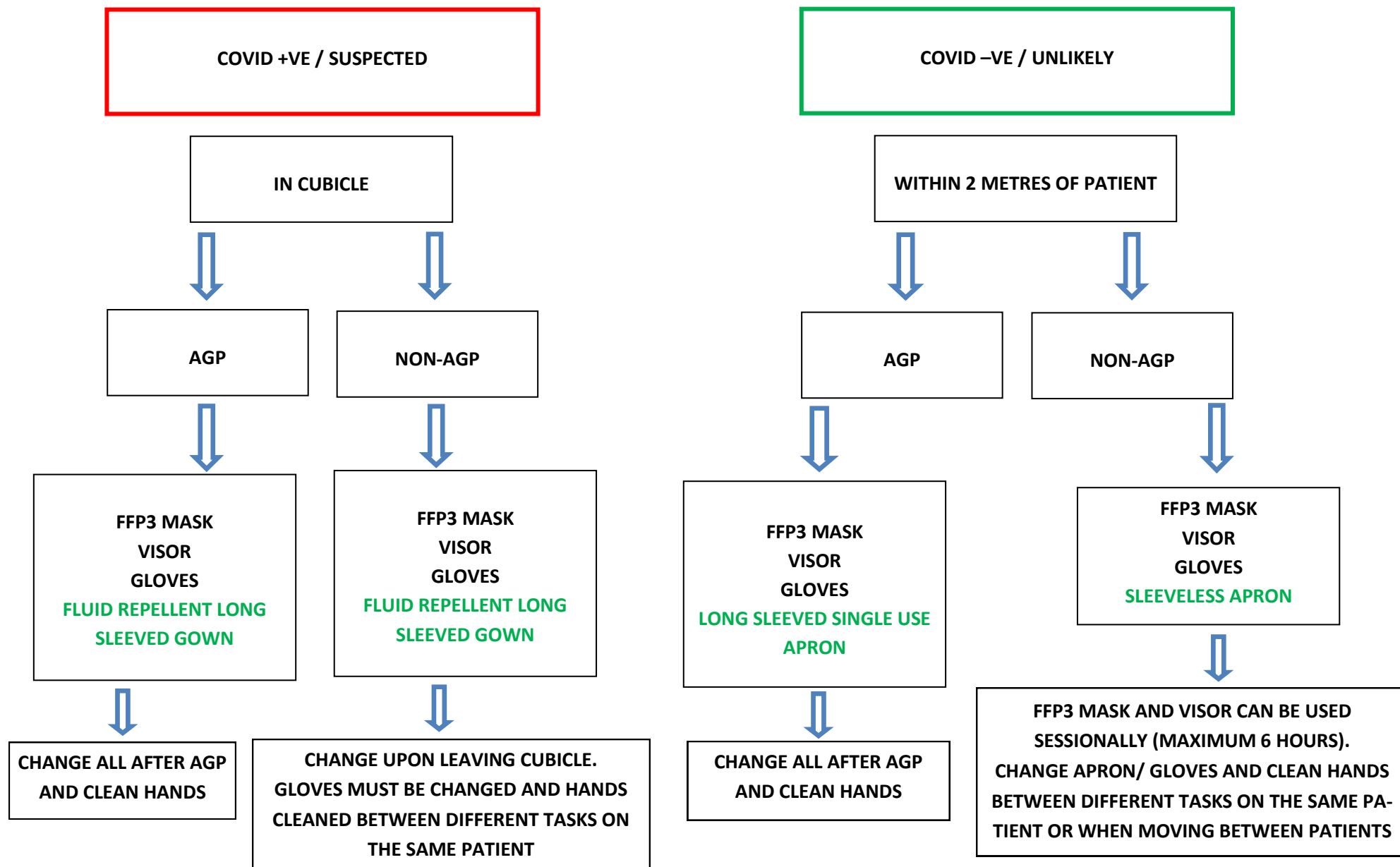


Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance for 4E/ICU Staff

When not near an ICU patient (see below) \Rightarrow Type IIR surgical mask -

Change every 3 hours (i.e. on a sessional basis) or earlier if soiled/removed or moving from one clinical department to another.



| Scenario | AGP | Non AGP |
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| When reviewing patients on clinical areas other than ICU (when within 2 metres of the patient) | FFP3 mask Visor Gloves Fluid repellent long sleeved gown | Type IIR surgical mask Visor or goggles Gloves Apron |
| When to change PPE | Change each item of PPE after each AGP | Change after each patient |
| MET attending ward patients (when within 2 metres of the patient) | FFP3 mask Visor Gloves Fluid repellent long sleeved gown | Type IIR surgical mask Visor/goggles Gloves Apron |
| When to change PPE | Change each item of PPE after each AGP | Change after each patient |

| Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs) | Non-AGPs |
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| Intubation, extubation and related procedures Tracheotomy/tracheostomy procedures Manual ventilation Suctioning of the respiratory tract Bronchoscopy, upper ENT airway or upper gastro-intestinal endoscopy procedures requiring suctioning Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) e.g. Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure ventilation (CPAP) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation Surgery which high-speed devices are used High-frequency oscillating ventilation (HFOV) High-flow nasal Oxygen (HFNO) Induction of sputum using nebulised saline Some dental procedures (e.g. high speed drilling) | Administration of pressurised humidified oxygen Administration of medication via nebulisation |

| COVID-19 testing of admissions |
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| <p>All patients require a COVID-19 swab (nose and throat) - request on Medway as SYMPTOMATIC or asymptomatic as appropriate.</p> <p>The following additional COVID-19 tests should be sent where relevant: Tracheal aspirate for all patients that are intubated soon after admission (within first 24-48 hours) Laryngectomy swab – newly admitted patients with laryngectomy Tracheostomy swab - newly admitted patients with tracheostomy</p> <p>These tests are likely to have higher sensitivity for COVID-19 and negative results are required before considering patients COVID-19 negative.</p> <p>For patients with clinical/radiological presentations consistent COVID-19, a single negative COVID-19 result is unlikely to be sufficient to exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 hence in the event of a negative initial test, repeat specimens should be sent as above for testing. A decision to consider patients as COVID-19 should be made by the clinical team (and discussed with Microbiology where required).</p> |