



PRISONER NOTICE

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR PRISON STAFF

All prisoners will be aware that across the globe, governments and organisations are having to move quickly to protect against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). With little being known about the disease until recently, there have been debates across the world about how best to protect people.

The SPS' National Coronavirus Response Group has been working with prisons, Health Protection Scotland and Scottish Government to set down definitive conditions for use of PPE where staff and prisoners can have confidence in going about their business in a difficult environment.

Guidance

Good hand hygiene continues to be the most effective way to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.

Where possible, staff and prisoners should avoid, where possible in the execution of their duties, close contact and to practice social distancing (2 metres apart).

Using the range of advice available to us from Health Protection Scotland, staff have been advised that there is **no** requirement to wear PPE where they are observing social distancing of 2 metres or more.

SPS staff must only wear disposable PPE, (fluid repellent masks, gloves and aprons) when dealing with prisoners who are symptomatic. If they are working with prisoners who are not displaying symptoms then PPE does not need to be worn.

To summarise this advice, we have attached the following illustration to show what staff should wear when dealing with a prisoner displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

- Appendix A is an illustration of the type of PPE that should be worn by Prison Staff when dealing with a symptomatic prisoner

Suspected/confirmed COVID-19 PPE General Area



General contact
with COVID-19 case

Aerosol Generating
Procedures

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