

Guide to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use in Sport During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Levels of PPE required across medical/first aid scenarios during sport

Level 1

Where government-advised social distancing may not be maintained at all times



Level 2

Within 2m, which may include face to face contact for emergency/first aid management of all individuals









Fluid-resistant surgical face mask type IIR

Single use apron

Single use gloves

Sessional use/reusable googles/full face visor in addition to personal spectacles

Level 3

Aerosol-generating procedure (AGP) or high potential for aerosol



Filtering face piece respirator 3 mask (FFP3)



Fluid resistant long-arm gown



Single use gloves



Sessional use/reusable googles/full face visor in addition to personal spectacles

Potential injuries and emergency scenarios with associated PPE level guidance

Maintaining social distance as advised with no face to face contact risk

PPE level 1

NOT maintaining social distance WITH face to face contact risk

Simple airway manoeuvres +/- manual in line stabilisation for suspected cervical spine injuries

PPE level 2

Wounds and bleeding (not involving oral or nasal cavities) - if there is a blood or body-fluid spill

PPE level 2

 $Soft\ tissue\ injuries\ and\ fractures\ -\ excluding\ those\ injuries\ with\ cervical\ spine\ or\ facial\ involvement$

PPE level 2

Head injuries/medical emergencies that do not involve the airway

PPE level 2

Cardiac arrest WITH face covered (towel or non-rebreather mask acceptable) continuous compressions, AED

PPE level 2

NOT maintaining social distance WITH face to face contact risk and potential risk of aerosol generating procedures

Loss of conciousness - potential for airway compromise, assumed head/neck injury

PPE level 3

Airway compromise - any airway intervention beyond simple manoeuvres including all ventilatory support

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Choking - compromised airway and classified as an AGP

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Nasal or oral wounds - potential for spitting, coughing or sneezing and considered a potential AGP

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Complicated head injury with airway compromise - may require suction or additional adjuncts

PPE level 3

Cardiac arrest WITHOUT covered compressions, AED and airway interventions

PPE level 3



