

SOUTHAMPTON OXFORD NEONATAL TRANSPORT

COVID-19 PPE GUIDANCE

Before any transfer, agree it is **essential**. See SOnET covid-19 SOP for full guidance.

Follow the PPE guidance for your base hospital, but in some circumstances, higher levels of PPE may be required for transport as you are unable to “doff” and “doon” in the ambulance.

Level 1 – partial PPE: Fluid resistant surgical mask, aprons and gloves +/- eye protection

Level 2 – full PPE: fit-tested FFP3 mask or hood, visor/goggles (ensure FFP3 valve, if present, is protected by visor during AGP), long sleeved fluid-repellent gown, gloves

Aerosol generating procedures (AGPs): intubation, extubation, suction, manual ventilation, non-invasive ventilation {high flow/CPAP/biPAP}, CPR

PPE Requirements:

Covid-19 status	PPE required
No suspicion of covid-19 infection in mother or baby	As per base hospital guidance Fluid resistant surgical mask or Level 1, partial PPE (patient contact)
Suspected or confirmed infection: Self-ventilating or low flow oxygen Stable infant – AGPs unlikely	Level 1, partial PPE Use eye protection for oral suction and when incubator door open
Suspected or confirmed infection: Self-ventilating or low flow oxygen Potential for AGPs on transfer	Level 2, full PPE but may use surgical mask during transfer if preferred and change to FFP3 mask if AGP required. Wear 2 nd pair of gloves/apron for carrying out AGP procedures in ambulance. Remove and place in bag before continuing journey.
Suspected or confirmed infection: Non-invasive ventilation (this is AGP)	Level 2, full PPE Wear 2 nd pair of gloves/apron for carrying out AGP procedures in ambulance. Remove and place in bag before continuing journey.
Suspected or confirmed infection: Invasive ventilation (significant leak with neonatal tubes)	Level 2, full PPE Wear 2 nd pair of gloves/apron for carrying out AGP procedures in ambulance. Remove and place in bag before continuing journey.
Transfer back to base (if receiving unit not base hospital)	“Doff” PPE in receiving unit and “doon” Level 1, partial PPE