

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
**(25 February 2021, 4.25pm)**

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## **FFP3 mask - 3M 1863 & 1873V - IMPORTANT**

*To arrange a face fit test, to transition from the 3M 1863 or 1873V masks – please speak to your line manager who can arrange for you to be fit test via one of the local testers.*

## **6 May 2021 - Election Guidance**

We have now received Scottish Government guidance on the conduct of business during the Scottish Parliament Election. This comes into effect on Thursday 25 March 2021 and remains in place until the election on Thursday 6 May.

This guidance states that all public bodies, including the NHS, should take special care during this period and in addition to the current COVID-19 restrictions, there should be no face to face visits, filming or photography allowed on our premises

The guidance also relates to the use of social media. It states that NHSScotland employees' should consider their use of social media platforms in a professional capacity during the lead up to the Scottish election. This includes the use of social networks, online forums and communities as well as public online discussions, which should be limited during the pre-election period. Publishing factual information as a private individual may continue.

If staff have any questions regarding media queries or requests for visits between the 25<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> May inclusive, they should contact the Director of Communications and Public Engagement, Sandra Bustillo at: [sandra.bustillo@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sandra.bustillo@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

For all other campaign queries please contact Head of Board Governance and Administration, Elaine Vanhagen at: [elaine.vanhagen@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:elaine.vanhagen@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

[Click here to view the guidance in full.](#)

## Face coverings and face masks

Staff in non-clinical, non-public areas and offices must wear a face covering as a minimum or a Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask (FRSM-TYPE IIR) where two metre social distancing cannot be achieved and when in common areas like stairwells, reception areas and corridors. Face coverings must not be worn in clinical areas where Fluid Resistant Surgical Masks (FRSM-TYPE IIR) are required as a minimum.

If you wear your face covering incorrectly, you could actually be putting yourself more at risk so please ensure you and your family and friends know how to wear a face covering properly.

When wearing a face covering:

### Do's



### Don't



### Face Masks:

All staff when working in hospitals, care homes, health centres or patients' homes who interact with patients or residents (including when taking patients out on escort), are required to wear a hospital issued Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask (FRSM-TYPE IIR) throughout their shift including when away from patients.

If staff are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons this must be highlighted to their manager as they may need to be moved to a non-patient facing area.

While within two metres when giving patient direct general care, staff must wear a fluid resistant surgical mask (FRSM-TYPE IIR). Other PPE requirements are determined by the patient pathway and risk assessment.

Compliance with hand hygiene and social distancing continue to be critical in all settings at all times.

Please ensure all staff are briefed on this information and have the opportunity to ask questions. It is essential that staff understand the control measures in place in their area of work. [Click here for updated information](#)

*Information relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Social Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: [SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)*

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhs.gov.uk/covid19](http://www.nhs.gov.uk/covid19). If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: [staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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