



When to use a **Surgical Face Mask** or **FFP** Respirator

When carrying out maintenance and repairs for residents who are **diagnosed or suspected of having COVID-19**, all operatives need to – prior to any resident interaction – assess the infectious risk posed to themselves and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimise that risk. (Refer to IMSP COVID19 Emergency Repairs)

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In properties where the tenant is NOT self-isolating or has NOT been diagnosed with COVID – 19	In properties where the tenant IS self-isolating or HAS been diagnosed with COVID – 19	Carrying out works which produce significant amounts of dust.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying out repairs with the resident in a separate room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential work only to be carried out in these properties with the permission of the line manager and the risk assessment has been completed and communicated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drilling, grinding, breaking out concrete, mixing plaster, sanding down, etc.
PPE to be worn	PPE to be worn	PPE to be worn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Mask required. However, if the resident is shielding due to age or vulnerability a Fluid Repellent Surgical Type IIR Face Mask may be worn to protect the Resident. Other designated PPE if required by the Risk assessment for the task in hand i.e. gloves, eye protection, ear defenders, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluid Repellent Surgical Type IIR Face Mask. Apron. Gloves. Eye protection (if risk of contamination of eyes by splashes or droplets). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFP3 respirator where dust is produced by any works activity. FFP3 respirator, if there is a likelihood of accidentally disturbing asbestos during any work activity. Other designated PPE as required by the Risk Assessment for the task in hand i.e. gloves, eye protection, ear defenders, etc.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Face Fit Test should be carried out by the wearer when putting on the respirator.

These images are for illustrative purposes only. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions

Remember

- PPE should be put on and removed in an order that minimises the potential for cross-contamination.
- The order for PPE removal is gloves, apron, eye protection, surgical face mask or FFP respirator.
- Hand hygiene must always be performed following removal of PPE.

Note: This poster is based on information from Public Health, NHS and in conjunction with the HSE.