



Infection prevention and control advice for WA Police during the COVID-19 pandemic

Using personal protective equipment

This document provides information on personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn by WA Police when coming into contact with someone who is under a direction to quarantine or is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. This information should be read in conjunction with the information updated regularly at the Department of Health WA website:

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

Managing routine home checks

Use a mobile phone as a means of communication wherever possible to avoid face to face contact with the resident.

If door opening and face to face contact is required, wear a mask and always maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from the resident.

No additional PPE required if these recommendations can be achieved

Managing a person who is in quarantine or who is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19

Where there is anticipated contact with the resident, the officer should wear PPE in the provided PPE kit.

This PPE kit must include gloves, gown, surgical mask and eye protection as provided by the WA Police Department. To enable easy accoutrement access, the belt or vest can be worn on top of the gown. After interaction with the person, the accoutrement belt or vest must be removed and placed in a wipeable storage container to be cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry before reuse.

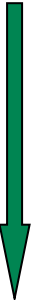

Recommended sequence for donning and doffing PPE

Hand hygiene must be performed when donning (putting on) and doffing (removing) PPE.

Once PPE is on, do not touch your face, or the front of the mask.

When doffing PPE, take extra care not to touch the outside of the gloves, front of gown, front of mask or eyewear as these are considered contaminated.

PPE is only protective when used correctly. Please take time to fit the PPE correctly.

Donning PPE		Doffing PPE	
	<p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Gown</p> <p>Belt/Vest (if wearing on top of gown)</p> <p>Surgical Mask</p> <p>Protective eyewear/visor</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Gloves</p>		<p>Gloves</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Belt/Vest (if wearing on top of gown)</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Gown</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Protective eyewear/visor</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p> <p>Surgical Mask</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene</p>

Cleaning of equipment

- Cleaning of equipment and frequently touched surfaces using appropriate detergent/disinfectant solutions or wipes is effective at minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- The manufacturer's cleaning instructions and departmental guidelines should also be considered when cleaning and disinfecting accoutrements.

In the event of a breach in PPE

In the event of damaged PPE, address the issue as soon as practical. Perform hand hygiene, remove the damaged PPE, perform hand hygiene again and replace with new PPE.

In the event of a body fluid exposure (such as droplet exposure to eyes or mouth):

- Stop immediately
- Perform hand hygiene
- Flush the area with copious amounts of water
- Report via institution protocols
- Contact your nearest Public Health Unit

Public Health Unit contact details			
Perth Metro 9222 8588 / 1300 MDCWA (1300623292)	Kimberley	9194 1630	South West 9781 2359
Goldfields 9080 8200	Midwest	9956 1985	Wheatbelt 9690 1720
Great Southern 9842 7500	Pilbara	9174 1660	After hours/on call 9328 0553

Useful links

[Environmental cleaning for workplaces](#)

[COVID19-PPE-Poster](#)

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