



Airports ports of entry Personal protective equipment and infection prevention and control practice matrix Version 2.0 9 June 2021

For use by	Physical distancing of 1.5 m	Cleaning frequently touched surfaces	Hand hygiene	Disposable gloves	Disposable gown	Surgical mask	P2/N95 respirator	Eye protection (goggles or face shield)
<p>PPE Tier 1</p> <p>Non-designated port of entry workers: Airport staff working in indoors in a non-designated port of entry area.</p> <p>Designated port of entry workers: *Airport staff who board an aircraft that has been cleaned and disinfected, and where 30¹ minutes of air circulation has occurred after passengers and crew have left the aircraft.</p> <p>Airport staff who will have no direct interaction with arriving international flight crews or passengers (from Red Zone Countries) but may need to undertake work on external areas of the aircraft such as the engine.</p>	✓	✓	✓	± Based on work task ⁴	X	✓	X	X

PPE Tier 2 Designated a port of entry workers:

Airport staff who will have no direct interaction with arriving international flight crews or passengers (from Red Zone Countries) but may have contact with the not-yet cleaned internal environment of an aircraft or handle items such as cargo or baggage. For example, during a cargo/freighter turn or a passenger/aircraft with freight only turn.

Airport staff who will have no direct contact with arriving international crew or passengers (from Red Zone Countries) but will have contact with the environment, such as communal spaces including toilets, waiting areas.

- ✓
- ✓
- ✓
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Based on work task⁴
- ✓
or coveralls³
- ✓
- X
- ✓²

PPE Tier 3 Designated as port of entry workers:

Airport staff who will have direct contact with arriving international flight crew and passengers (from Red Zone Countries). For example, during a conventional passenger turn.

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- ✓
or coveralls³
- X
- ✓
- ✓²

Additional guidance

¹ **Airport staff boarding an aircraft:** if the ventilation system on board an aircraft has been switched off, airport staff would need to wait for 60 minutes before boarding an aircraft which has been cleaned and disinfected and is cleared of passengers and crew. If cleaning and disinfection did not include all of the frequently touched surfaces of passengers who have disembarked, including armrests and tray tables. PPE used should be Tier 2.

² **Eye protection:** the choice of eye protection should be based on a risk assessment of level of contact with blood and body fluid, with the choice of face shields being more suitable for higher risk exposures. In Tier 2 settings eye protection should only be worn as far as is practicable where an occupational health and safety risk is not increased.

³ **Coveralls:** Protection against contamination of clothing by maintenance staff and others can be achieved by wearing a gown, or coveralls (fabric or disposable). In all cases these should be worn as far as is practicable where an occupational health and safety risk is not increased and training is provided to ensure safe donning and doffing. An alternative to both gowns and coveralls is a work uniform which is laundered daily. Workers must change out of their uniform at airport and remove and bag before leaving at the end of their shift.

⁴ **Gloves:** Gloves should always be worn by occupational groups who have direct physical contact with red zone passengers or crew, otherwise their use should be based on the work task being performed. Wearing gloves is not a substitute for hand hygiene.

Mask/Respirator Hygiene: Do not lower the mask around the neck, change mask if removed, masks cannot be re-used. Fit-check P2/N95 respirators with each use.

Extended use of masks and protective eyewear: Eye protection and masks can be worn for up to 4 hours provided they are not wet, damaged or visibly contaminated or have been used for Aerosol generating Generating Procedures (AGP) e.g. use of a nebuliser.

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