ppe: what to wear in maternity care

	Stage of care	PPE for general hospital/labour ward	PPE for community/home/ clinic
no suspected COVID-19	Providing direct care NOT involving bodily fluids		
	Exposure to blood, bodily fluids and/or medication assistance		
	Early first stage of labour care		
	During birth care (late first, second and third stage)		
Confirmed or suspected COVID-19	Providing direct care NOT involving bodily fluids		
	Exposure to blood, bodily fluids and/or medication assistance		
	Early first stage of labour care		
	During birth care (late, first, second and third stage)		



*All staff providing intimate care to patients with confirmed or suspected COVID for extended time and or/in areas with poor ventilation, should have a risk assessment undertaken and be fitted for and supplied with an FFP3 mask. Including community settings.

