



PPE: Safe Use of Visors

When assessing a visor the following points need to be taken into account:

- » The top of the visor must be enclosed to prevent contamination of the eyes from above.
- » There should be small vent holes at the top or the sides of the visor to prevent the visor steaming up.
- » The visor needs to sit out far enough so that it does not touch the mask.
- » The visor must be the correct length so that when staff bend their head the visor is not pushed up.
- » The head band must be secure so that it does not move during clinical work;
- » The visor needs to be comfortable for the staff member to be able to wear it for the session.
- » The visor needs to be wide enough and curve round to protect the mask and sides of the face.

Reuse and Decontamination:

- » A visor marked 'single use' should only be used per session, or advice and guidance sought from the manufacturer.
- » A visor which has any sponge on the forehead or elastic that cannot be cleaned should only be used per session and discarded.
- » If a visor can be decontaminated (as per manufacturers instructions and/or advice from IPC/PHA) it can be kept for the use of a single staff member, staff should put their name on the visor with a permanent marker, decontaminate after each session, left securely inside a plastic resealable bag and kept in a safe area such as a locker.
- » Visors should be discarded if they become visibly soiled, the clear part of the visor becomes cloudy or the elastic becomes loose.

In the UK the regulation of PPE is the responsibility of the HSE, this document should be used in conjunction with HSE guidance. The HSE do not support the decontamination and re-use of PPE marked as single use.

**WE ALL
MUST DO IT
TO GET
THROUGH IT**



STAY HOME



KEEP DISTANCE



WASH HANDS