

AGP Alliance statement

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust research: FFP3 respirators protect healthcare workers 2 against infection with SARS-CoV-2

We very much welcome this new study. It provides further solid evidence for what we have long been saying: current PPE guidance does not provide sufficient protection from infection for health and care staff and their patients.

But, as the study so powerfully shows, there is another way. Health and care staff can be better protected. One way is through the use of reusable p3 respirators and goggles. These are an example of an equitable, cost effective and environmentally sustainable way of providing FFP3 grade respiratory and eye protection to all patient facing workers.

So we call on the new Secretary of State as a matter of urgency to ensure that existing PPE guidance is amended – not just for the current pandemic, but so guidance is as future-proofed as possible against further COVID-19 outbreaks and other potential pandemics.

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For more information on the research see:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-57636360>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jun/29/cambridge-hospitals-mask-upgrade-appears-to-eliminate-covid-19-risk-to-staff>