**PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING AND REUSING EYE PROTECTION**

To ensure that our staff are protected and safe, we are moving to the re-use of eye protection when used for:

* risk of splash to the face area (as outlined in Table 4)

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879111/T4_poster_Recommended_PPE_additional_considerations_of_COVID-19.pdf>

Government guidance on the cleaning of equipment can be found here:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877533/Routine_decontamination_of_reusable_noninvasive_equipment.pdf>

For hygiene purposes, once issued with eye protection each staff member can

* Keep the eye protection for their own use
* Be responsible for its safe cleaning and storage

 

Eye protection should be removed first and then;

• Be decontaminated as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) below

• All surfaces must be cleaned with a detergent / disinfectant wipe

**Method 1- using combined disinfectant/detergent wipe**

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| **Action / Reasonable Adjustment** | **Rationale** |
| Prepare a hard surface (large enough to place the visor/goggles on): clean the surface using disposable single use combined detergent and disinfectant wipes. Dispose of wipes | Detergent / disinfectant wipes will clean organic matter from the surface.To reduce the risk of cross infection. |
| Wearing a clean pair of disposable gloves remove the goggles taking care not to contaminate the face whilst doing so.Place the goggles face/strap side down onto the clean prepared surface and using a disposable single use combined detergent and disinfectant wipe clean the outer surface of the goggle* Allow to air dry for 30 seconds
* Dispose of the cleaning wipe(s)
 | There is a potential risk of cross contamination if it the goggles are not correctly removed. |
| Turn the goggle over so that the internal surface is face upward. Using a clean combined detergent and disinfectant wipe clean the inner aspect of the visor.* Allow to dry for 30 seconds.
* Dispose of the cleaning wipe(s)
 | To reduce the risk of cross infection. |
| Using a combined detergent and disinfectant wipe, clean the hard surface on which the goggle was placed.* Dispose of the cleaning wipe(s)
* Discard disposable gloves and decontaminate hands
 | To reduce the risk of surface contamination |
| Store the goggle in a clean easily accessible place between each use for the remainder of the shift (clean plastic bag would be suitable, with the date and time of the cleaning undertaken). | To ensure the visor/goggle is accessible for use and the area remains clean to prevent cross contamination |

**Method 2- using a solution**

1. Decontaminate goggles with disposable cloths/paper roll and a fresh solution of detergent
2. Rinse and dry
3. Follow with a disinfectant solution of **1,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av cl)**
4. Rinse and thoroughly dry

Or

1. Use a combined detergent/chlorine releasing solution with a concentration of **1,000 ppm av cl,** rinse and thoroughly dry.

**Points to bear in mind**

* Follow manufacturer’s instructions for dilution, application and contact time.
* **Discard disposable cloths / wipes & /paper roll immediately into the healthcare waste receptacle**
* Discard detergent/disinfectant solution in the designated area
* **Clean, dry and store re-usable decontamination equipment**
* Remove and discard PPE
* Perform hand hygiene