



****IMPORTANT UPDATE – 23rd June 2020****

**FACE MASK WEARING REQUIREMENTS AT
WELLSBOUNRE HEALTH CENTRE**

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This is an important update to the previous message sent out on 15th June regarding the use of PPE in IAS Host Sites.

All IAS staff working at **Wellsbourne Health Centre** are now required to wear face masks when not in a room on their own i.e. outside of the consultation rooms. This is in line with Wellsbourne Health Centre's practice policy.

Please use the masks provided and not your own.

Receptionists will be required to wear masks at the reception desk and when moving around the practice. One mask can be used for your whole shift / session (No more than 6 hrs).

GPs please be mindful to plan your shift / session to ensure you do not use excessive masks. (unless you wish to wear a mask for your whole session)

All staff should follow the PHE guidance below:

- A single session refers to a period of time where a health and social care worker is undertaking duties in a specific clinical care setting or exposure environment. (For GPs this would mean when leaving the consultation room)
- FRSMs are for single use or single session use (section 5.6: PHE. (2020) COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance) and then must be discarded. The FRSM should be discarded and replaced and NOT be subject to repeated use in any situation

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Surgical masks should:

- cover both nose and mouth
- not be allowed to dangle around the neck after or between each use
- not be touched once put on
- be changed when they become moist or damaged
- be worn once and then discarded – hand hygiene must be performed after disposal

PHE (2020) *COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance*. Available from: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/893320/COVID-19_Infection_prevention_and_control_guidance_complete.pdf

Many Thanks.