

# COVID- 19 Notice

Monday 23 March 2020



## Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is designed to protect staff uniform from contamination in the workplace.

It is best practice to change into and out of uniforms at work and not wear them when travelling. For NIAS staff there are changing rooms/areas available where staff can change into/out of uniforms on arrival at and on leaving work.

Uniforms should be transported home in a disposable plastic bag. This bag should be disposed of into the household waste stream.

Uniforms should be laundered:

- separately from other household linen
- in a load not more than half the machine capacity using commercially available washing powder/ laundry detergent
- at the maximum temperature the fabric can tolerate, then ironed or tumbled-dried.

Please continue to undertake hand hygiene in accordance with the 'WHO 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene' when undertaking clinical duties and at frequent intervals during other times. Hand hygiene can be carried out by washing with soap and water and/or hand sanitisation using