



**COVID-19: Preliminary Guidance on Infection Prevention and Control Practice
in settings of high-throughput sample collection
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Settings of high through-put testing for COVID-19 are being established rapidly in some cases on a “drive-through” basis. In these settings interactions with the patient is very limited as triage will have been performed remotely (by telephone).

In settings of high-throughput sample collection the healthcare worker should follow infection prevention and control precautions including use of personal protective equipment as per current HPSC guidance however they need only change gloves and perform hand hygiene between patients unless there has been significant unintended contact with the patient or items of PPE (gown, mask) are wet, soiled or damaged.

Note in this context long sleeve gloves are preferred as they reduce the risk of accidental contact between the sleeves of the gown and the patient.