The Fresh Air Story

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FACT: #COVID19 is NOT airborne.

The #coronavirus is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks.

To protect yourself:

- -keep 1m distance from others
- -disinfect surfaces frequently
- -wash/rub your 👐
- -avoid touching your 👀 👃 👄





FACT CHECK: COVID-19 is NOT airborne

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air. They quickly fall on floors or surfaces.

You can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within 1 metre of a person who has COVID-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing your hands.

To protect yourself, keep at least 1 metre distance from others and disinfect surfaces that are touched frequently. Regularly clean your hands thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.



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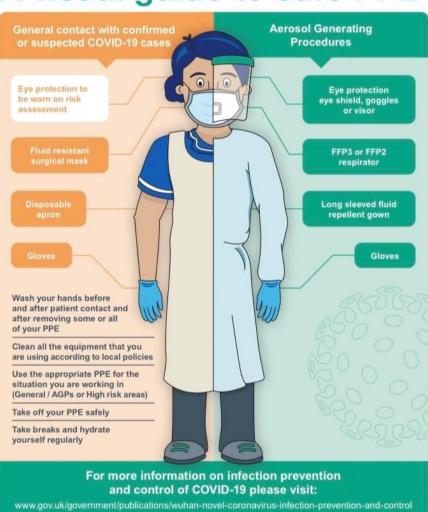






COVID-19 Safe ways of working

A visual guide to safe PPE



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In 1870 – 1912 the infirmary grows further...

Various buildings nearby were brought into use as required and alterations took place including an out-patients department, a nurses' home in 1869 and a cross wing in 1870.

In 1875 a serious outbreak of contagion caused by poor ventilation and sanitation forced a complete closure for 12 months while a new drainage system and 35 extra windows were installed.

In 1896 a new hydraulic lift was fitted plus a dedicated hospital laundry was built.

In 1898 a fully equipped pathological laboratory was opened.

In 1902 the hospital received the donation of its first x-ray apparatus.

By 1907, further problems arose with ventilation and sanitation along with the need for more and better accommodation for the nurses.

On 10th November 1910 the adjacent Nurses Home building was formally opened, now called Watergate Mansions.

In 1912 a new X-Ray department was donated, yet another step forward in medical care and efficiency. Balconies were added on the river side to enable patients to enjoy the fresh air.

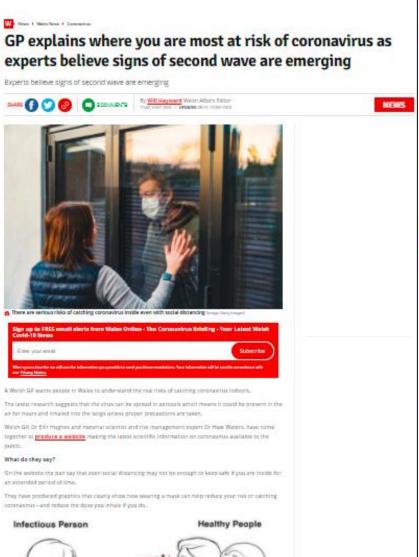




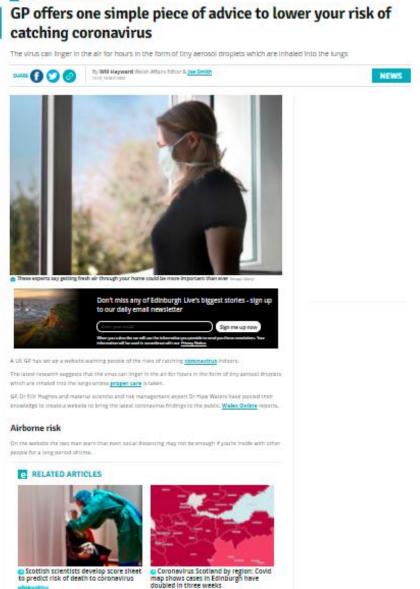




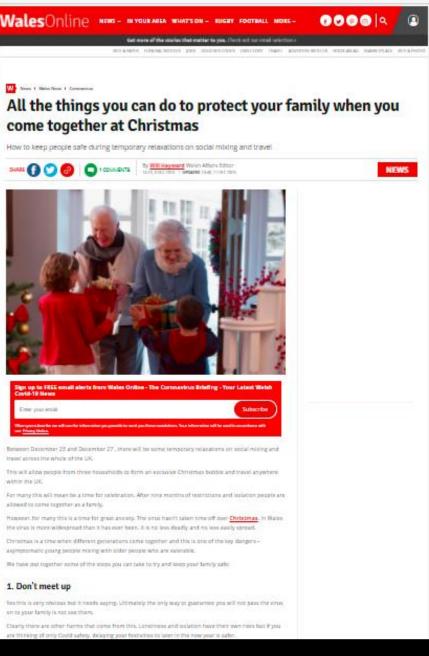




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Welsh election 2021: Why this GP's vote rests on face masks



Welch Parliament election 2021



For one north Wales GP, his yote in the upcoming Senedd/Welsh Parliament election rests on what many healthcare workers wear everyday - face masks.

Or City Hoghes is calling for all health staff caring for Covid patients to be offered high-quality face marks, called filtering face pieces (FFP3).

come staff working with Coyld patients are only offered surgical masks.

arrently, FFP2 maple are only offered to feath workers carrying out certain nédical procedures.

bwever, a document by the UK government's scientific advisory group Sage. has said higher grade masks may be needed when caring for Covid patients.

he Labour Welch government said it is following official UK guidance.

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he Weigh Litteral Democrats said it would introduce FFP3 marks for ealthcare workers. If they were proven to be more effective, Platd Cymru sâld would look to provide the "best protection" for NHS staff and the Welsh. conservative party said it would "conduct a review" into the masks after the

- How healthcare workers came to feel 'expendable'
- Nurses condeine Yundamentally flawed' PPE rules

ir Haghes, who practises as a GP in Guynelld and is also the leader of the wyfor Primary Care Cluster, said surgical masks "Just aren't good espugh, even that we know the PFFS masks give better protection."

he latest guidance, followed by Public Health Wales, recommends the use of TP3 masks drily when health staff are carrying out serosol generating procedures - such as iswerting a tube down the throat to help with breathing when there is deemed to be a Covid risk.

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Covid: How should I protect myself from Covid now?

By Barbel Scholer Health reporter

Adaption



eople can once again spend time indoors with friends and family they don't

Could remain a risk, so what have we learned about how to stay safe?

1. You don't need to do the 'pavement disco'

fany of us have got used to doing the "pavement dance" to avoid coming too

But it's highly unlikely such a whort period of exposure outdoors could lead to an infection.

direktedly, the closer you are to an infected person, the more likely you are to atch the virus - which is why we've been told to stay 7m (6H) apart.

Act most infections happen in places indoors where people are very near toone another

There's also the question of how long you're near the infected person.

We don't know exactly how routh virus supposite is necessary to cause (Sneet and it will vary by age and health - but it does have to reach a critical mass efore it overwhelms the immune system.

and it's worth remembering the NHS Test and Trace app only alerts contacts: the have been done to a confirmed case for 15 minutes or more.

it the start of the candemic, even point for a welk with a friend wasn't Eaward - but scientists are confident being outdoors is much safer than being

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Coronavirus: Fresh air 'forgotten weapon' in fight

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For one GP, the very thought of people keeping windows tight shut 'makes his head explode with anger".

And a leading engineer says he embarrasses his family in restaurants "by going arround triving to bring in fresh air"

They are part of a growing band of medics and experts womled about how the corpresinus can accumulate in stuffy rooms.

And with people gathering indoors in the winter months, they say the authorities need to emphasise the importance of outside air.

- How to keep the virus at buy this Christmus
- What are the new rules on mixing at Christmas?

What is the problem?

According to the CP, Tillr Hughes, who runs a surgery in north Weles, the government dogan "hands, space, face" doesn't go for enough.

It appears on the lecters used by Soria Johnson in Downing Street briefings: which gives it massive prominence.

But Dr Hughes - who has become known as "Or Fresh Alt" for his campaigning. on the issue - believes it should say "hands, space, face, replace"



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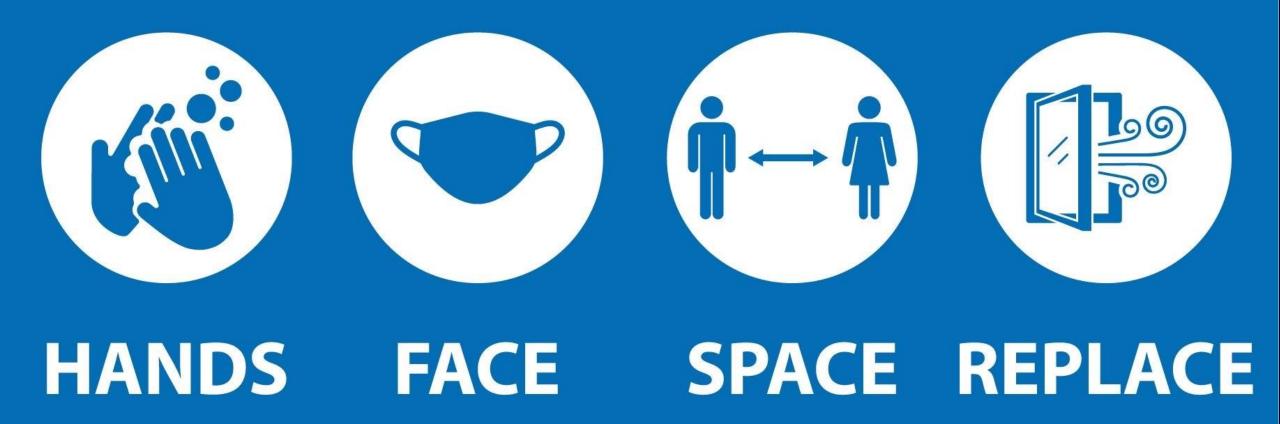
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Detector to reduce the risk of

COVID-19

Pam defnyddio synhwyrydd CO₂? Why use CO₂ detectors?

Mae coronafirws yn cael ei drosglwyddo'n sylweddol yn yr aer. Coronavirus is significantly transmitted in the air.

Mae pobl tua 20 gwaith yn fwy tebygol o gael eu heintio mewn amgylcheddau caeedig o'i gymharu â thu allan yn yr awyr iach.

People are approximately 20 times more likely to become infected in enclosed environments compared to outside in the fresh air.

Mae posib defnyddio lefel CO₂ fel mesuriad o awyr iach. CO₂ levels can be used as a measure of fresh air.

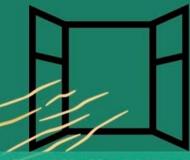
Beth yw pwrpas y synhwyrdd CO₂? What is the purpose of the CO₂ detector?

Gall lefel uchel o CO₂ olygu bod risg uchel o drowgsywddo coronofirws yn yr aer.

High levels of CO₂ can mean a high risk of coronavirus airborne transmission

Defnyddir lefel CO₂ i hysbysu ac i annog awyru priodol. CO₂ level is used to inform and encourage sufficient ventilation.





Pam bu lefelau CO₂ uchel, 1000PPM neu uwch, agorwch ffenest am awyr iach.

When CO2 levels become high, 1000PPM or higher, open a window for fresh air.

www.awyriach.cymru www.freshair.wales



HANDS. FACE. SPACE. REPLACE

this is still wash important! Wash hands

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Make

space

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Don't share

open windows or go outdoors

Here's a summary!



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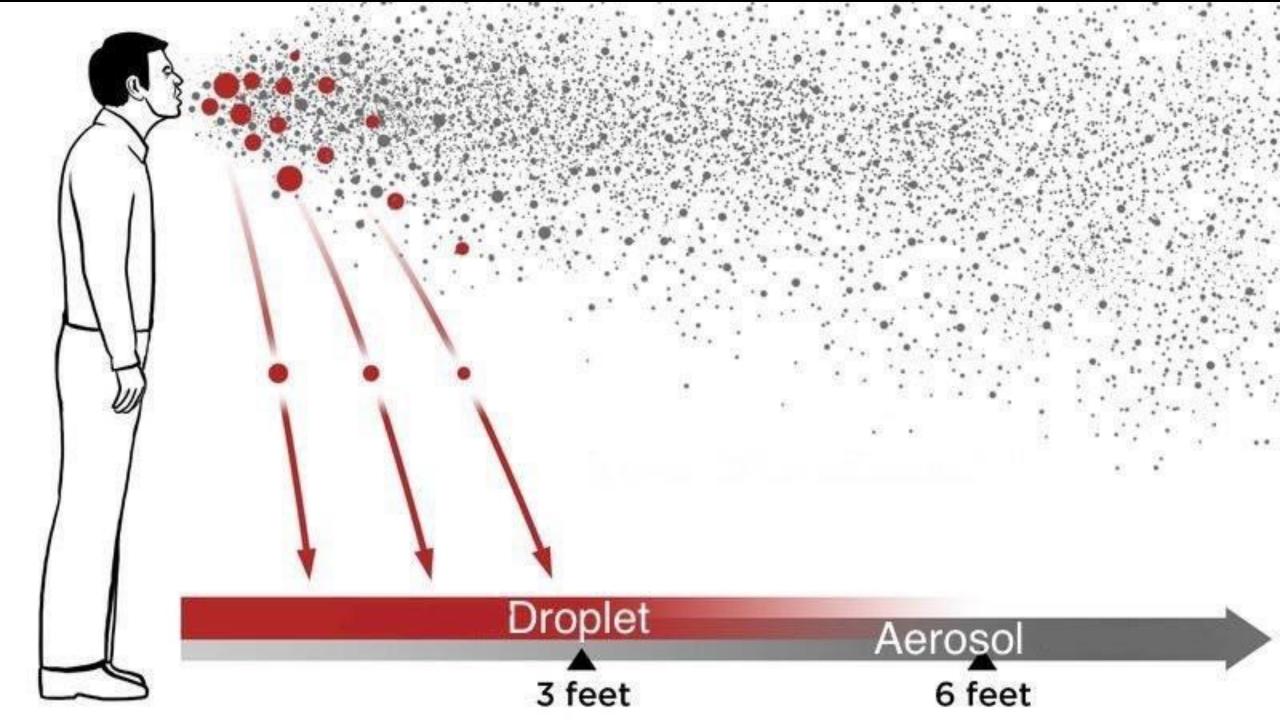


Letting fresh air indoors can reduce the risk of infection from coronavirus by 70%.

If you have your extended household or essential visitors, like tradespeople, in your home, or you live with someone with coronavirus, open windows for short bursts of 10-15 minutes |



If you are in a poorly ventilated indoor environment, the number of airbourne infectious particles will increase over time



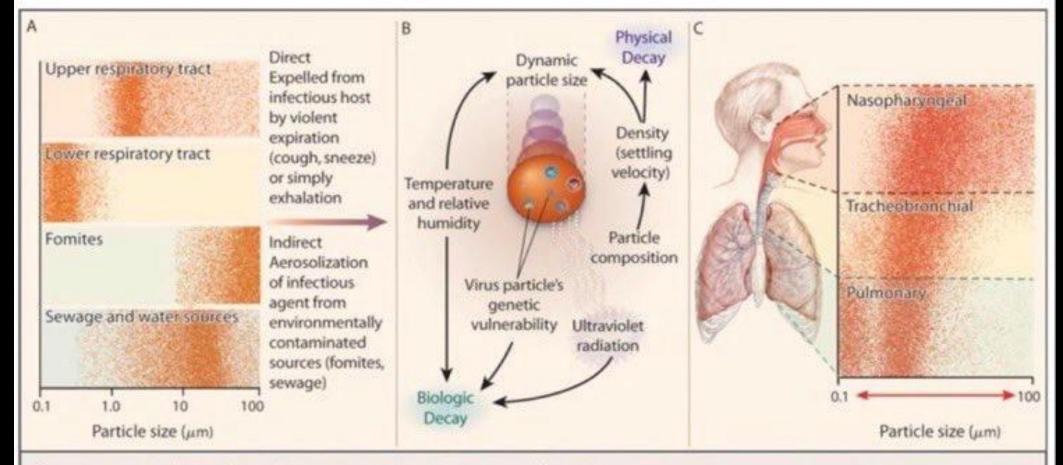


Figure. The Aerobiologic Pathway for the Transmission of Communicable Respiratory Disease.

Whether it is an infected human or a contaminated environmental matrix, each source (Panel A) generates particles with a characteristic range of sizes. The length of time a particle resides in the air (physical decay, Panel B) depends on its initial size, its composition, and environmental factors. Similarly, the length of time an airborne organism remains infectious (biologic decay) is affected by the infectious agent's initial metabolic state, genetic characteristics, and environment. The portion of the respiratory tract of a susceptible host in which inhaled particles are deposited (Panel C) is a function of the particles' aerodynamic size; in the middle of the range, particles may be deposited in both the upper and the lower airways.

Courtesy of Don Milton, professor of Environmental Health at the University of Maryland School of Public Health

WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



Wearing a seatbelt outside a car is pretty stupid



So is wearing a mask that doesn't filter aerosols whilst looking after aerosol producing covid patients

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ALL I NEED IS THE AIR THAT I BREATHE, AND TO TREAT YOU





The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

The Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister of Wales

The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland

The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, First Minister of Northern Ireland

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Mr Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Health and Social Services, Wales

Ms Jeane Freeman MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Scotland

Mr Robin Swann MLA, Minister of Health, Northern Ireland

mprove Ventilation of Care Settings & Jpgrade Respiratory Personal Protective Equipment

In support of front-line health care workers, we write to urge the UK Government and its devolved administrations to take all necessary precautions to mitigate airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in health care settings.

Health and social care staff are 'back in the eye of the storm' according to NHS England's chief executive Simon Stevens. We are in the middle of COVID-19's second wave, significantly impacted by a new coronavirus variant, which is reportedly 56% more transmissible.\(^1\) On Tuesday 29th of December 2020, 21,787 people were being treated for the virus in hospitals in England, surpassing the first wave's peak of 18,974 in April.\(^2\) This number is expected to climb further and necessitates every effort to protect NHS staff from the virus.

Healthcare workers (HCWs) are on average 3-4 times more likely to contract SARS-CoV-2 than the general population, with risk varying upon their role in the NHS.³⁻⁸ Notably, while HCWs on regular wards are significantly more likely become infected.^{4,6} intensive care unit (CU) staff have – Sol% lower risk despite working in an environment which was historically considered to be higher risk.⁷ This correlates with increased aerosol protection provided by higher-grade PPE and increased air exchanges in ITUs. In contrast, hospital wards where infectious coughing patients are also cared for, current guidance does not recommend the use of respiratory-protective PPE. Air exchange is not regulated in these settings either.

Currently, the Public Health England guidance on the type of PPE is categorised according to types of procedures carried out; deemed as either aerosol-generating or non-aerosol generating procedures. This is no longer compatible with what we now know.

The USA's Centers for Disease Control and Transmission states that SARS-CoV-2 is most likely to be contracted by inhalation⁸, with one study suggesting that 80% of infections may be as a result of this route.⁹

It is now essential that healthcare workers have their PPE upgraded to protect against airborne transmission, ¹⁰⁻¹² The inhalation of viral aerosols, whether the susceptible person is near the source or at more distant locations are most effectively interrupted by a respiratory protection device, such as an N95 filtering face-piece respirator, and the protection device, such as an N95 filtering face-piece respirator, and the protection device, such as an N95 filtering face-piece respirator, and the protection devices are not provided in the protection of the protection devices.

A significant proportion of the NHS workforce is unavailable to help at this peak time owing to sickness and a need to self-isolate because of SARS-CoV-2. This adds to the already perilous situation of remaining staff being tired, overworked and prone to making errors. Not only are staff contracting SARS-CoV-2 in healthcare settings, but also patients admitted for reasons other than COVID-19 are acquired in hospital. In the first half of November, approximately 20% of hospital cases for SARS-CoV-2 had been acquired in hospitals. ¹³

To mittigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2 in both staff and patients, and to take back control of the situation in our health care settings, we request the following actions:

- Ensure immediate access to FFP3 masks for all staff working with confirmed or suspected Covid-19 patients and commission a review of national PPE guidance.
- Ensure hospitals immediately increase natural ventilation as much as possible in all clinical settings where current standard requirements are not currently met.

We implore that these recommendations are implemented across the UK as soon as possible. Mass vaccination and its impacts on rates of transmission will take time to take effect. It is therefore imperative to maximise science-based preventative measures towards aerosol/airborne transmission in addition to standard droplet precautions in health care settings now.

Fresh Air NHS Open Letter

- Signed by over 1500 NHS Workers
- Highlight need to mitigate airborne transmission of SARS-Cov-2 in healthcare settings
- Two requests:
 - Improve ventilation of care settings
 - Upgrade respiratory personal protective equipment

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Health:

Call for better coronavirus masks for all medical staff

By David Multimer





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Boctore' leaders have called for urgent improvements in personal protective equipment for health workers.

The Entitch Medical Association is appealing for a higher gode of face mark to guard against coronavirus infection.

It says there is 'growing evidence' that the virus is being spread through the a

These are tiny virus particles that can build up in staffy rooms and they have been linked to outbreaks of Could-19.

his follows an open letter from more than 1,500 health professionals for staff in general wards to be given the type of high-quality masks usually only wors

Public Health England (PHE) has lowed quidance on what PPE staff in different settings require. It was last updated in October 2028.

- Corpeavirus: Has the NHS got enough PPE?
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Carly in the pandemic, it was widely believed that to catch the dilease you had be either be close to an infected person and hit by droplets from their soughs or sneedes or touch a surface they had contaminated.

But research during the course of last year highlighted how it is also possible for the virus to be corried in what are called sercools, drifting and property of the sir.

Most inflections are thought to have occurred indoors in hadly ventilated more, and many studies have shown that the fairborne route' can be an important factor.

Across the UK, the guidance for hospital staff is to wear surgical masis in most areas.

fore cophisticated marks - a type known as FFP3 that includes an air filterte only required in intensive care or when certain procedures are carried out

s their letter, the consultants, doctors and nurses say healthcare workers are

Further letters were sent to government leaders by Unions, and later as a collaboration of NHS staff representative bodies:











































Coughing risks to NHS staff 'greater' than feared

Exclusive Linda Geddes

Science correspondent

The NHS has been urged to rethink safety for thousands of frontline staff after new research suggested that Covid-19 patients' coughing was putting them at far greater risk of catching the virus than previously thought.

The study found that coughing venerated at least 10 times more infectious "aerosol" particles than speaking or breathing - which could explain why so many NHS staff have fallen ill.

The research has led to fresh demands that anyone caring for

'A cough really is a potent generator of aerosols. The risk appears far greater than we assumed

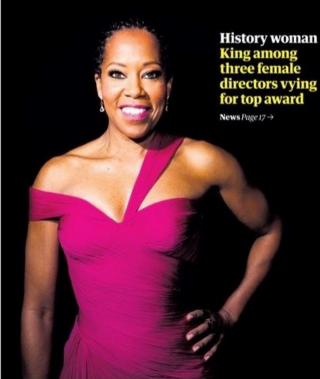
someone with Covid-19, or suspected Covid-19, should be provided with the most protective equipment - including FFP3 respirator masks - and that hospital ventilation should be improved.

Health workers are up to four times more likely to contract the virus than the general population, with infection rates among those on general wards approximately double those of intensive care unit (ICU) staff - who do have access to the most protective PPE.

This access to higher PPE protection was based on the assumption that ICU wards are more dangerous because treatments such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), used to support patients' breathing, generated large amounts of aerosols which linger in the air and can be breathed into the lungs.

Staff working in other hospital areas, GP surgeries and care homes are issued with looser-fitting surgical masks, which afford little protection against these tiny particles, but block larger virus-carrying droplets.

The new research, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, turns



UK gives 10m people first dose of vaccine

Dan Sabbagh and Josh Halliday

coronavirus vaccine to more than 10 million people, with public health experts now calling on ministers to after the programme began. a target future vaccinations in hotsnots

where the disease is threatening to run out of control.

Official figures from across the UK's four nations showed that 374,756 peo-Britain has given a first dose of a ple received a jab on Tuesday, taking the headline total to just over the milestone at 10.02m, less than two months

If the current rate continues, then prime minister added

the UK will be on track to have given a dose to the 15 million people in the top four priority groups by mid February. At this rate it should also have given jabs to those in the remaining five priority groups, another 17 million people, by early April, just after Easter, at the point where the need for second jabs begins.

The chief medical officer for Eng land, Chris Whitty, who joined Johnson Boris Johnson praised NHS staff at the briefing, said said it was too early to see any positive impact from the for delivering the vaccine, describing the programme as "the most colossal vaccinations because so many had taken place so recently. in the history of our National Health Service". Nearly 90% of all over-75s in

The prime minister also promises England had already received a jab, the he would say "a bit more"

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people were still in hospital.

The latest figures also showed that

1,322 were recorded in the previous 24

hours, taking the overall number of

Covid-19 related deaths in the UK to

109,335. There were 19,202 more cases

reported yesterday and a total of 32,851

CBI calls for reboot on the scale of 1945

Leader says huge investment needed to cope with Brexit, Covid and climate change



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We have become desensitised to high levels of risk

Would you walk into a contaminated room where there's a 10% chance of getting asbestosis without PPE?



Mother of God- it is airborne!

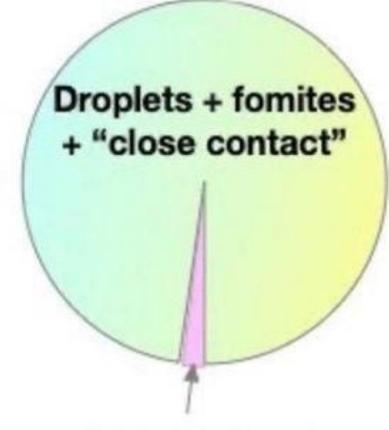
#COVIDisAirborne #FreshAirNHS



The virus can spread from an infected person's mouth or nose in small liquid particles when they cough, sneeze, speak, sing or breathe. These particles range from larger respiratory droplets to smaller aerosols.

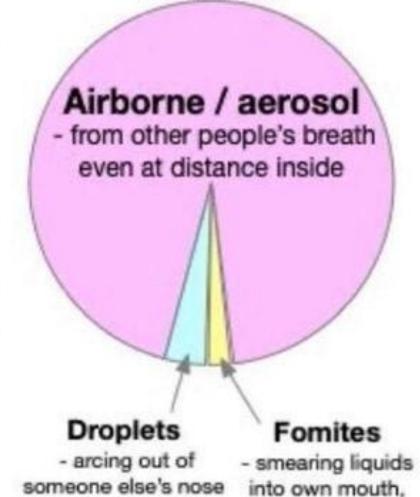
- Current evidence suggests that the virus spreads mainly between people who are in close contact with each other, typically within 1 meter (shortrange). A person can be infected when aerosols or droplets containing the virus are inhaled or come directly into contact with the eyes, nose, or mouth.
- The virus can also spread in poorly ventilated and/or crowded indoor settings, where people tend to spend longer periods of time. This is because aerosols remain suspended in the air or travel farther than 1 metre (longrange).

Initial public health advice was based on droplet transmission leading to emphasis on hygiene



Aerosol / airborne

 from other people's breath or some confusing "aerosol generating procedure" But airborne transmission is now considered the dominant route. Clean hands doesn't reduce this



nose, or eyes

or mouth and into

your mouth or eyes





