# Intercollegiate General Surgery Guidance on COVID-19

**Emergency Surgery**
- Consider COVID-19 diagnosis in all
- Consider CT thorax
- Add CT thorax if having CT abdo

**Planned Surgery**
- Risk assessment for COVID-19
- Consent
- Risk-reducing strategies (e.g. stoma)

**PPE**
- PPE for all laparotomies
- Follow national / local guidelines
- Eye protection
- Practise donning & doffing

**Theatre**
For positive / suspected cases:
- Minimum staffing levels
- All staff full PPE including visors
- Smoke extraction
- Intubation / extubation in theatre

**Laparoscopy**
- Risk of aerosol-type infection
- Consider ONLY in v. selected cases
- Filters etc. difficult to implement
- Appendicitis: conservative / open
- Cholecystitis: conservative if safe

**Endoscopy**
- Emergency only
- Follow guidance from BSG
- Upper GI endoscopy requires full PPE

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