**ALERT LEVEL 1: Personal protective equipment (PPE) in Maternity settings**

If you do not know someone’s COVID-19 status - prior to contact with them (by phone), or while maintaining physical distancing of at least 1 m upon entry to the maternity unit, please ask them the risk assessment questions outlined in Alert Level 1: Risk assessment questions if COVID-19 status is unknown.¹

The risk assessment will help you determine appropriate PPE for initial contact.

No matter what a person’s COVID-19 status is, follow Standard Precautions² for all care, use appropriate clinical judgement for PPE and refer to your organisational IPC guidance.

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**Table 1: Women who are probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases, or meet the Clinical and Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) criteria³**

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**Table 2: Women who have no new or worsening respiratory symptoms, however in the last 14 days they have travelled overseas or had close contact with someone who is a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case⁴**

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**Table 3: Women who are not probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases, and do not meet the Clinical and Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) criteria⁵ (and do not meet Table 2 criteria)**

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Please refer to guidance on how to safely put on, take off and dispose of PPE: [www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health](http://www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health)

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³ As per the case definition: [www.health.govt.nz/covid19-case-definition](http://www.health.govt.nz/covid19-case-definition)

⁴ Perform hand hygiene. [www.handhygiene.org.nz](http://www.handhygiene.org.nz)

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⁸ In this situation, they have a very small chance of being a pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic COVID-19 case if they have been exposed to COVID-19