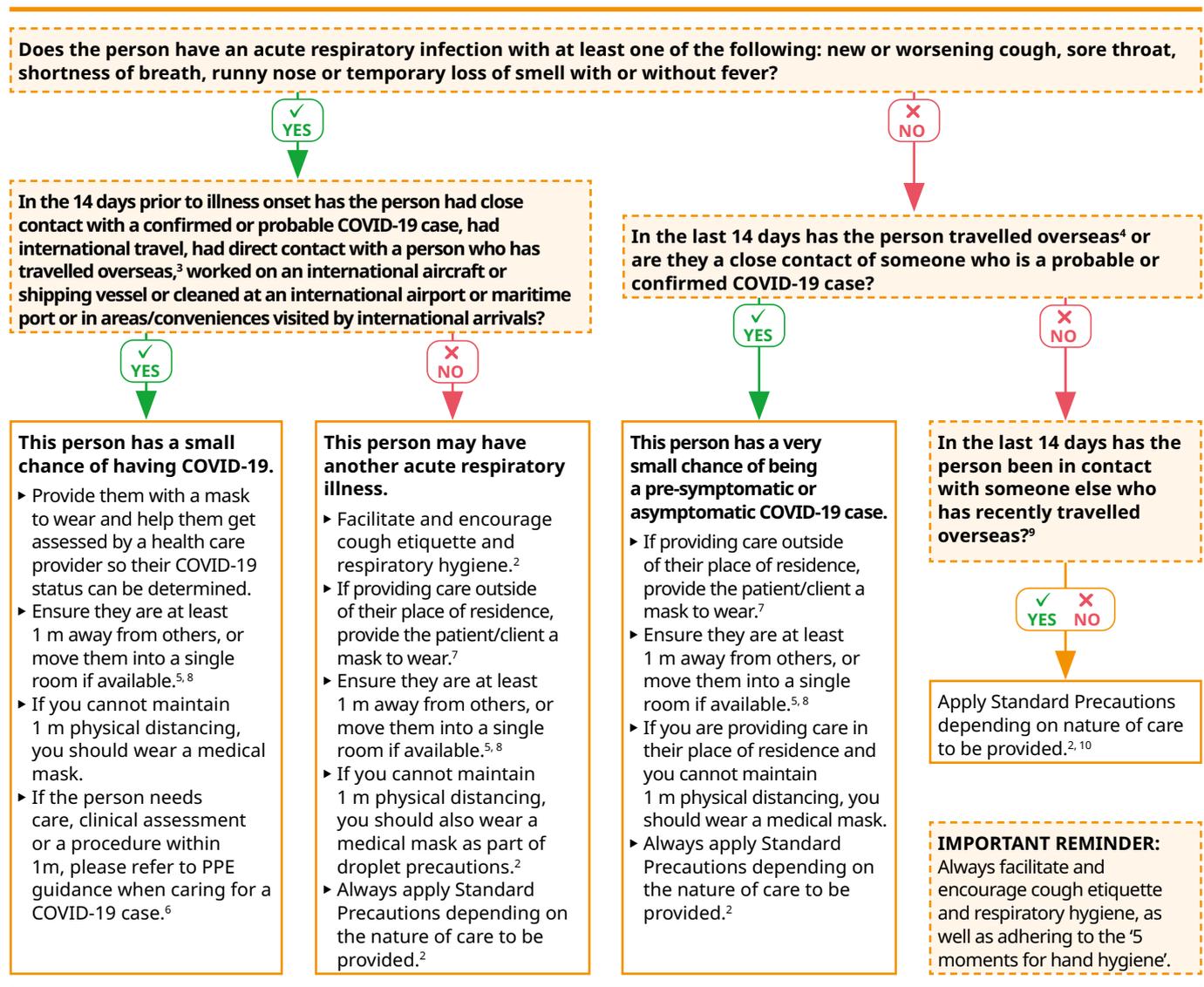


ALERT LEVEL 1: HEALTH AND DISABILITY SECTOR RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE OF UNKNOWN COVID-19 STATUS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE INITIAL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) APPROACH

This is a risk assessment for first point of contact with people whose COVID-19 status is unknown. Please ask the questions before contact with the person if possible (by phone or signage); otherwise maintain physical distancing of at least 1 m while asking them.¹ No matter what a person's COVID-19 status is, follow Standard Precautions for all care.² Refer to your organisational IPC guidance also.

Note: The risk of community transmission is very low in Alert Level 1. Guidance will be updated if this context changes.



1 This assessment will determine whether you need to take extra IPC precautions because they are at risk of having COVID-19, or they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days and therefore they have a risk, although very low, of being pre-symptomatic or an asymptomatic COVID-19 case

2 Refer to *Frequently Asked Questions about PPE*, available at www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health

3 **This includes** Customs and Immigration staff and staff at quarantine/isolation facilities. **This excludes** household and community contacts of aircrew

4 **This does not apply** to those who have worked on an international aircraft or shipping vessel (for example, air or maritime crew), unless they have been asked to self-isolate

5 The patient/client is not required to continue wearing a mask once in a single room

6 www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health

7 The person only needs to wear a mask when receiving care outside their place of residence, to prevent transmission risk to other people

8 Unless they are in their private home

9 **This includes** Customs and Immigration staff, staff at quarantine/isolation facilities, people who have worked on an international aircraft or shipping vessel (unless they have been asked to self-isolate), household and community contacts of aircrew.

10 Other control measures for this group are sufficient that if they are asymptomatic, only Standard Precautions are required