

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIRED WHEN CARING FOR A COVID-19 CASE IN HEALTH AND DISABILITY CARE SETTINGS INCLUDING CARE PROVIDED IN PLACE OF RESIDENCE









IMPORTANT REMINDER

For all patient care and interactions, staff should follow Standard Precautions and adhere to the '5 moments for hand hygiene'

This is intended as a high level reference document when caring for a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, or someone who meets the Clinical and Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) Criteria.¹ Please refer to the Ministry of Health website for PPE Frequently Asked Questions and specific advice for some settings.² Refer to local Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidance also.

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 2m, please ask them the risk assessment questions outlined in *Alert Level 2/3: Risk assessment questions if COVID-19 status is unknown*.²

Note: The risk of community transmission is low in Alert Level 2 or 3. Guidance will be updated if this context changes

	HEALTH AND DISABILITY WORKERS			PATIENTS	VISITORS	FAMILY CARERS	CLEANING ³
	Caring for or contact with probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases, or someone who meets the Clinical and Higher Index of Suspicion (HIS) Criteria. ¹	Care in community based healthcare settings, including a person's place of residence	Care in hospital (including emergency departments and wards) ⁴				
 HAND HYGIENE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 SURGICAL MASKS	✓	✓	✗	✓ Whilst waiting assessment and on transfer, not required once admitted to a single room.	✓	✓	✓
 N95/P2 ⁵ Particulate respirators	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
 GOWNS/ APRONS	✓ Plastic apron or fluid-resistant long sleeve gown		✓ Fluid-resistant long sleeve gown	✗	✗	✗	✓ NON-PATIENT CONTACT: plastic apron
 GLOVES	✓ Single use	✓ Single use	✓ Single use	✗	✗	✗	✓ Single use or reusable heavy-duty gloves
 EYE PROTECTION Disposable or reusable whenever available	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓ If patient is in the room
OTHER MEASURES					Visitor should observe hand hygiene, respiratory and cough etiquette and 2m physical distancing from the patient/client. ⁶	As a close contact of a COVID-19 case, additional precautions will be advised that should be adhered to.	
Always apply Standard Precautions according to care required.² Minimise number of people in room at one time and maintain physical distancing where able.							

Notes:

Please refer to guidance on donning and doffing of PPE: www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health

- Case definition: www.health.govt.nz/covid19-case-definition
- Frequently Asked Questions about PPE, available at: www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health
- Cleaner should liaise with nurse or team leader before entering room.
- Minimise number of people in the room at one time, or in a transfer team.
- N95/P2 respirator must comply with AS/NZS 1716:2012 Respiratory protective devices.
- If contact closer than 2m is required (for example, patient receiving end-of-life care), visitor is to wear additional PPE including gloves and gown.