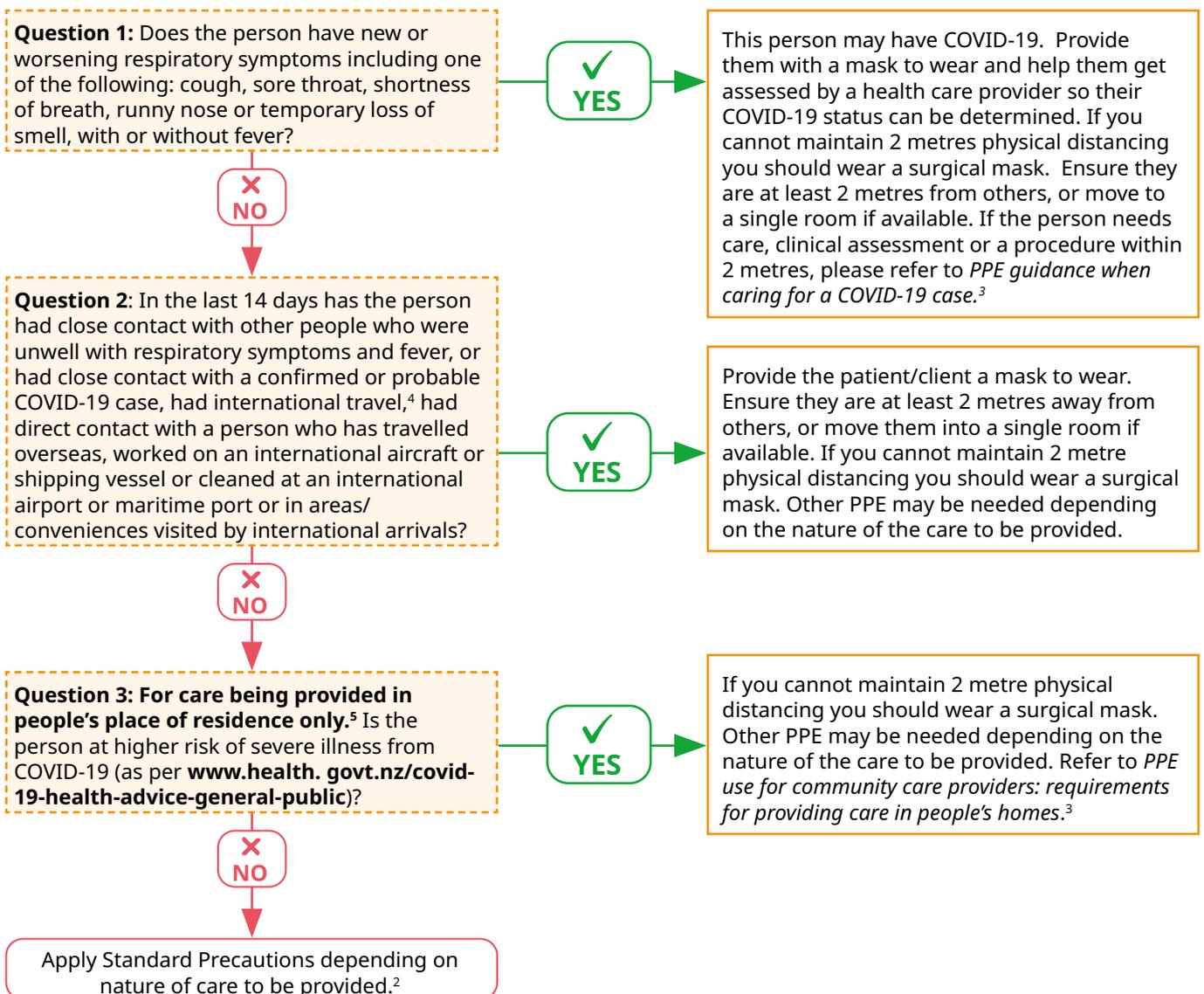


ALERT LEVEL 3: HEALTH AND DISABILITY SECTOR RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE OF UNKNOWN COVID-19 STATUS TO DETERMINE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Risk Assessment

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 2 metres 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 remains high in Alert Level 3. 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 two weeks, and therefore have a very low risk of being pre-symptomatic or an asymptomatic COVID-19 case.

2 Refer to *Frequently Asked Questions about PPE: What are standard precautions?*

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

4 People who have had recent overseas travel or are close contacts of probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases are advised

to remain in isolation. Unless it is an emergency requiring an ambulance, they should only be presenting in the situation they require urgent care and have phoned ahead to determine that face to face assessment is required.

5 This guidance provides additional protection for the very low risk of potential asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic transmission between the health or disability care worker who has interactions with multiple people on a daily basis, and a person in their place of residence who is at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (noting a place of residence is usually different to the controlled environment of a health care setting).