

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

Visiting is restricted except for exceptional circumstances. Refer to visiting policy of health care setting.

	HEALTH AND DISABILITY WORKERS ⁴			PATIENTS	FAMILY CARERS
	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 Note: Staff should be fully vaccinated				
	Care in community based healthcare settings, including a person's place of residence	Care in hospital (including emergency departments and wards) ⁵	Aerosol generating procedures ²		
 HAND HYGIENE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 MEDICAL MASKS	✗	✗	✗	✓ Whilst waiting assessment and on transfer, not required once admitted to a single room.	✓
 P2/N95 ⁶ Particulate respirators	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
 GOWNS/ APRONS	✓ Fluid-resistant long sleeve gown.	✓ Fluid-resistant long sleeve gown.	✓ Fluid-resistant long sleeve gown	✗	✗
 GLOVES	✓ Single use	✓ Single use	✓ Single use	✗	✗
 EYE PROTECTION Disposable or reusable whenever available	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
OTHER MEASURES					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

1. Case definition: www.health.govt.nz/covid19-case-definition
2. *Frequently Asked Questions about PPE*, available at: www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health
3. *Risk assessment for unknown COVID-19*, available at: www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health
4. Includes all health care team. For example: nurses, medical team, cleaners, orderlies, healthcare assistants.
5. Minimise number of people in the room at one time, or in a transfer team.
6. P2/N95 respirator must comply with AS/NZS 1716:2012 Respiratory protective devices.