**ALERT LEVEL 2: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIRED WHEN CARING FOR A SUSPECTED, PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE IN HEALTH AND DISABILITY CARE SETTINGS INCLUDING CARE PROVIDED IN PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

This is intended as a high level reference document. Please refer to the Ministry of Health website for PPE Frequently Asked Questions and specific advice for some settings. Refer also to local primary care and DHB guidance.

If you do not know someone's COVID-19 status, please conduct a risk assessment before using any PPE. The risk assessment is outlined in Alert Level 2: Health and disability sector risk assessment for interactions with people of unknown COVID-19 status to determine Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**
For all patient care and interactions, staff should follow standard precautions and adhere to the '5 moments for hand hygiene'.

**Clinical setting risk factors**

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3. Including primary care, accident and medical centres, aged residential care, disability services, hospices, home care / visiting services and mental health.
4. Minimise number of people in the room at one time, or in a transfer team.

**Follow routine Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) precautions (Standard as well as any Transmission-based precautions) for all care**

**Hand hygiene**

- **Health and disability workers:** Yes
- **Patients:** Yes
- **Visitors:** Yes
- **Family carers:** Yes
- **Cleaning:** Yes

**Surgical masks**

- **Health and disability workers:** Yes
- **Patients:** Yes
- **Visitors:** No
- **Family carers:** Yes
- **Cleaning:** If patient in the room

**N95/P2 particulate respirators**

- **Health and disability workers:** No
- **Patients:** Yes
- **Visitors:** No
- **Family carers:** No
- **Cleaning:** No

**Gowns/aprons**

- **Nonpatient contact:** Plastic apron
- **Direct patient contact:** Fluid-resistant long sleeve gown

**Gloves**

- **Health and disability workers:** Single use
- **Patients:** Single use
- **Visitors:** Single use
- **Family carers:** Single use or reusable heavy-duty gloves
- **Cleaning:** If patient in the room

**Eye protection**

- **Health and disability workers:** Yes
- **Patients:** Yes
- **Visitors:** No
- **Family carers:** No
- **Cleaning:** No

**Other measures**

- **Health and disability workers:** Visitor to minimise the time spent in a hospital or care facility, particularly the time spent outside of the patients room in the hospital or care facility.
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