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Current status = MODERATE RISK (21/12/2021)

PPE escalation

Recommended PPE Escalation for healthcare settings according to risk of unexpected COVID-19 infections in hospital patients or healthcare workers (in addition to standard precautions +/- transmission based precautions if indicted for another reason). These recommendations are based on the Queensland Health Pandemic Response Guidance version 1.4 December 2021.

Type of community transmission

Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Care of non-COVID-19 patients NO clinical or epidemiological evidence[1] of COVID-19		
• Standard Precautions	• Surgical mask 3	• P2/N95 respirator
	• Protective eyewear	• Protective eyewear
Care of patients with: Clinical evidence of COVID-19 WITHOUT epidemiological evidence of COVID -19		
• Surgical mask	• P2/N95 respirator	• P2/N95 respirator
• Protective eyewear	• Protective eyewear	• Protective eyewear
• Long-sleeved impervious gown	• Long-sleeved impervious gown	• Long-sleeved impervious gown
• Gloves	• Gloves	• Gloves
Care of patients: Confirmed COVID-19 OR Suspected COVID-19 OR those subject to quarantine or other public health directive e.g. hotspot		
• P2/N95 respirator	• P2/N95 respirator	• P2/N95 respirator
• Protective eyewear	• Protective eyewear	• Protective eyewear
• Long-sleeved impervious gown	• Long-sleeved impervious gown	• Long-sleeved impervious gown
• Gloves	• Gloves	• Gloves

1. **Epidemiological Evidence** for COVID-19 within the last 14 days – including but not limited to: close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; international travel with the exception of green zone countries; workers supporting designated COVID-19 quarantine and isolation services; international border staff; international air and maritime crew; people who have been in a setting where there is a COVID-19 case; e.g. in close contact category at a QH exposure location, in casual contact category at a QH exposure location pending a negative test result, QH interstate exposure venue; people who have been in areas with recent local transmission of SARS-Cov-2 e.g. QH hotspot. (Risk-assess health, aged and residential care workers)
2. This may apply in certain clinical areas e.g. emergency departments and facilities with high rates of in-facility COVID transmission as determined by the CHO.
3. In these situations a P2/N95 respirator should be worn for Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP), Aerosol Generating Behaviours (AGB) and upon entering a room within 30 minutes of an AGP or AGB.

Protective Eyewear:

- Mater has both reusable (preferred option) and single use eyewear available, in good supply. Reusable eyewear must be cleaned/disinfected between each patient.