

COVID-19



NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

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OVERVIEW

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OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

- ❑ Monitors the outbreak and initiate changes
- ❑ Staff to meet online training requirements
- ❑ PPE training

- ❑ Respiratory infections, including COVID-19, are most commonly spread by **contact and droplets.**

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- ❑ Explain why PPE is important to minimise the spread of COVID-19
- ❑ Identify when to use PPE
- ❑ Demonstrate how to apply and remove PPE in the correct order
- ❑ Applies to all staff and clients



STANDARD PRECAUTIONS KEY ELEMENTS

- ❑ **Hand hygiene** before and after client contact and after contact with potentially contaminated surfaces or objects
- ❑ *Gloves are not a substitute for hand hygiene. Staff should perform hand hygiene before putting gloves on and after taking them off*
- ❑ **Use of PPE** if exposure to body fluids or heavily contaminated surfaces is anticipated (gown, surgical mask, protective eyewear, gloves)
- ❑ **Cough etiquette and respiratory hygiene** (cough into a tissue and discard immediately or into the bend of elbow; perform hand hygiene)
- ❑ **Regular cleaning of the environment and equipment**
- ❑ **Provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser**

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The appropriate PPE to wear for COVID-19 is determined by an assessment of transmission risk.

If the likely risk of COVID-19 transmission is **Low**, use PPE in accordance with existing guidance for standard, contact and droplet precautions. This includes wearing a surgical mask, along with gloves, gown and eye protection.

If the likely risk of COVID-19 transmission is **high**, a particulate filter respirator such as a P2 or N95 respirator should be used, rather than surgical masks, along with gloves, gown and eye protection.

It is essential that staff who use P2/N95 respirators are trained in their correct use. Staff must complete fit testing before first use to select the most suitable respirator and be trained to perform a fit (seal) check properly each time they are used.

**It is important to stay up to date and follow the guidance for relevant state or territory*

[Revised guidance on the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\) for health care workers in the context of COVID-19](#)



HANDOUTS & VIDEO

- Store the handouts where you can easily access them. They are also to be found on HQ SharePoint
- *How to handrub & How to handwash*
- *How to fit and remove protective gloves*
- *COVID-19 and Face masks*
- *COVID-19 Sequence PPE*
- *Video:* <https://www.racgp.org.au/clinical-resources/covid-19-resources/infection-control/videos-using-ppe-and-hand-sanitising/full-version-how-to-use-personal-protective-equipm>
- *Get COVID-19 Ready Kit*

INDIVIDUAL COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN - CRP

- Allows clients to think about options such as how to adjust the way support is delivered and prioritising the most essential supports where there are staff shortages or self-isolation due to Covid-19



Continuity of supports



Preventative Strategies



COVID-19 positive Strategies



Communication Plan



Emergency Supply Kit



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