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| **Area / Ward** |  | **Disposable****Gloves****Single** | **Disposable****Plastic Apron****Single** | **Disposable****fluid-repellent gown / coverall** | **Fluid -repellent Surgical****Mask** | **FFP3/Reusable P3 respirator** | **Eye/face protection** | **Full face visor**  |
| **HIGH RISK RED AREA** AGPs  | ICU, Gate 27, ED, CAU, 46a | Y between patients | Y between patients | Y Sessional  |  | Y Sessional |  | Y Sessional |
| **HIGH RISK GREEN AREA** AGPs | ICU, Gate 27, ED | Y between patients | Y between patients | Y Sessional |  | Y Sessional |  | Y sessional  |
| **RED AREA**Within 2 metres of patient | Wards/depts, Includes WICU | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |  |
| **RED AREA**Not within 2 metres of patient | Wards, Includes WICU |  |  |  | Y single or sessional |  |  |  |
| **GREEN AREA**Within 2 metres of patient | Wards/depts, Includes WICU | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Risk assess\*sessional |  |
| **GREEN AREA**Not within 2 metres of patient | Wards , Includes WICU |  |  |  | Y single or sessional |  |  |  |
| Emergency Dept – **Red and green patients** |  | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |  |
| Transferring PatientsAGP |  | Y | Y between patients | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |
| Transferring PatientsNon-AGP - **Green patient** |  | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Risk assess\*sessional |  |
| Transferring PatientsNon-AGP - **Red patient** |  | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |  |
| Operating TheatreAGPs |  | Y |  | Y Sterile Theatre gown |  | Y sessional |  | Y sessional |
| Operating Theatre Non AGPs |  | Y |  | Y Sterile Theatre gown | Y single or sessional |  | Y sessional |  |
| Labour Ward and Birth Centre – **Red and green patients** | Vaginal delivery | Y | Y | Y  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional  |  |
| Out patients within 2 metres of patient |  | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y sessional |  |
| Out patients not within 2 metres |  |  |  |  | Y single or sessional |  |  |  |
| AGPs | Outside of high risk areas | Y between patients | Y between patients | Y Sessional  |  | Y Sessional |  | Y Sessional |
| Throat and Nasopharyngeal Swab |  | Y | Y |  | Y single or sessional |  | Y single or sessional |  |
| Facilities colleagues servicing Trust Accommodation  |  | Y | Y |  |  |  |  |  |
| Patient | Surgical mask, if this can be tolerated |

**Single Use:** refers to disposal of PPE or decontamination of reusable items e.g. eye protection or respirator, after each patient and/or following completion of a procedure, task, or session; dispose or decontaminate reusable items after each patient contact as per Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs).

**Sessional Use:** refers to a period of time where a healthcare worker is undertaking duties in a specific care setting/exposure environment e.g. on a ward round; providing on going care for inpatients. A session ends when the healthcare worker leaves the care setting/exposure environment. Sessional use should always be risk assessed and considered where there are high rates of hospital cases. PPE should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, soiled, or uncomfortable. Reusable PPE should be decontaminated as per Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs).

**\*Risk assessed use:** refers to utilising PPE when there is anticipated/likely risk of contamination with splashes, droplets of blood or body fluids.

**Patient use of PPE:** in cohort wards, communal waiting areas and during transportation, it is recommended that suspected or confirmed cases wear a surgical face mask if this can be tolerated. A surgical face mask should not be worn by patients if there is potential for clinical care to be compromised (e.g. when receiving oxygen therapy).

**Visitors:** Consideration of whether there is a requirement for visitors to wear PPE

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