

## Personal Protective Equipment for Health Services, Emergency Services and Other Agencies

This advice is provided to agencies to inform the development of operational procedures.

Situation	PPE Requirements
Emergency services undertaking routine	Social distancing
duties with no contact with suspected / confirmed cases of COVID-19  All other Agencies – transport, water corporation, education, front of house services etc	As per standard practice/policies (e.g. if any contact with blood, body fluids, waste etc),
	appropriate PPE (e.g. gloves) should be worn
	Practice good hand hygiene and cough/sneeze hygiene.
Hospital staff with no patient contact but the hospital has patients admitted with suspected / confirmed COVID-19	Clean surfaces that are frequently touched or contaminated with blood/body fluids
Healthcare workers, including patient transport providers, providing routine care to suspected case of COVID-19, but patient not	Long sleeved Gown (disposable)
	Gloves (disposable)
requiring 'hands on care'	Surgical mask (disposable)
First Responder emergency services - assisting with a suspect / confirmed case	Eye protection (disposable)
	Alcohol based hand rub (ABHR)
Support Agencies (e.g. Department of Communities, social workers) providing support for suspect / confirmed cases in home quarantine	Social distancing – e.g. leave shopping at front door, communicate via phone.
	If required to enter premises and have close contact:
	Long sleeved Gown (disposable)
	Gloves (disposable)
	Surgical mask (disposable)
	Eye protection (disposable)
	Alcohol based hand rub (ABHR)
Healthcare workers, including patient transport providers attending a critically unwell patient/performing COVID-19 testing/performing aerosol generating procedures on a patient suspected or confirmed with COVID-19	Long sleeved Gown (disposable)
	Gloves (disposable)
	P2/N95 mask (disposable)
	Eye protection (disposable)
	Alcohol based hand rub (ABHR)

## **PPE** provision priority:

As PPE supply challenges increase, the following priorities may be implemented:

Priority	Personnel
1	Healthcare workers, including pre-hospital and patient transport providers, and first responder agencies assisting healthcare workers in the care of suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19, and support agencies providing assistance to suspected or confirmed cases in home isolation.
2	First responder emergency service agencies
3	Officers of other agencies with direct and close contact with the public – for example public transport operators, customer service personnel.
4	Remaining agencies and officers