

Mask use for everyone entering a health facility

Standard precautions always apply

Ensure screening and triage processes are in place to manage patients with suspected COVID-19 or communicable disease of state or national significance



Patients

Patients presenting directly from the community, inter and intra hospital transfers are **required to wear a mask** if able

Children 12 years and under are not required to wear a mask

Note: Although these principles apply across healthcare environments when caring for vulnerable patients/residents, individual circumstances should be considered



Health workers (HW)

HWs to wear surgical mask when in healthcare facilities, this includes clinical and non-clinical areas (e.g., on entry, corridors, office spaces)

In a shared office space, HWs are required to wear a mask unless they are the only person working in the office

Eye protection when within 1.5m of a patient

Standard, droplet and airborne precautions (**P2/N95 respirator**) and eye protection are required when providing direct care for:

- patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- close contact of a COVID-19 case
- Communicable diseases spread by airborne route



Physical distancing, hand hygiene and regular cleaning are also important



Visitors

Consider limiting number of visitors (acknowledgement of individual patient needs)

Visitors must wear a mask before entering the facility (own mask or provided by the facility)

