
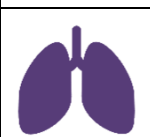


	<p>Role of Triage during a pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During a pandemic, changes to normal processes and usual care may occur to assist with meeting additional demands • Triage has an important role in early identification of at risk patients and early streaming to appropriate care pathways • Triage also ensure appropriate PPE is in use and physical distancing measures are in place
	<p>Triage</p> <p>Changes to triage environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain physical separation from patients unless absolutely necessary <p>Changes to consider in a demand surge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief contact with essential data collected only, this may mean cutting off conversations • Limit reassessment of AV patients unless absolutely necessary • Minimum requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific wording will be used in triage documentation to flag unusual circumstances - see guideline for details TBC ○ Use enough detail to justify the ATS category assignment <p>Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned upskilling of staff for triaging, in the event of a demand surge. • Staff receiving both theoretical and practical experience in Triage.
	<p>Cohorting to High Risk and Low Risk COVID zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening at triage to determine if patients are High Risk COVID or Low Risk COVID. • Post COVID screening & triage → patients are allocated to High Risk COVID or Low Risk COVID. • Aim to reduce COVID transmission • Current DHHS case definition is applied once patient is receiving care. • See procedure on COVID microsite for planned cubicle allocations as the pandemic progresses
	<p>Paediatrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient journey is altered for SHED Paediatric patients journey depends on triage category and if arrives via AV – see guideline on COVID microsite for details https://coronavirus.wh.org.au/clinical-guidelines/emergency-medicine/ • SHED Paeds also separated into Low Risk and High Risk zones. • Paeds vital sign limits guide paediatric triage decision making as per usual
	<p>Staff Welfare and Well Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be kind and look after each other, utilize the available staff wellbeing tools. https://coronavirus.wh.org.au/wellbeing-support/