






COVID-19 PPE

	 Hand hygiene, bare below elbow	 Disposable gloves	 Single use plastic apron	 Disposable long sleeved isolation gown	 Surgical mask	 P2 / N95 respirator	 Eye protection - face shield (preferred) or safety goggles	COVID READY	COVID ALERT	COVID ACTIVE	COVID PEAK
TIER 1 Standard COVID precautions	✓	As per Standard Precautions. Gloves do not negate the need for hand hygiene.	✓ If contact likely between clothing and patient, surrounding environment or bodily fluids.	✓ If copious blood or bodily fluids.	OR	✓	✗	✓ As per Standard Precautions, AGPs and AGBs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all areas of the health service including in areas where the patient is NOT suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and IS NOT IN Quarantine. Surgical masks worn by all staff in public/patient facing areas, public shared areas and non-public facing areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Eye protection not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye protection is required for all areas where the patient is NOT suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and IS NOT IN quarantine. Surgical masks worn by all staff in public/patient facing areas, public shared areas and non-public facing areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained. 	
TIER 2 Droplet and contact precautions	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing care to low-risk suspected patients (excluding AGP and AGB).* Providing care to a patient where their history cannot be obtained until further screening information can be obtained. Eye protection is required. For staff undertaking COVID-19 testing at community testing locations including Sunshine RACs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per above for Tier 1. Providing care to ALL low risk suspected COVID-19 patients moves to Tier 3. 		
TIER 3 Airborne and contact precautions	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At all times providing care to a high-risk suspected, OR confirmed COVID-19 OR quarantine patient. Undertaking an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)* on a person who is low-risk suspected OR high-risk suspected OR confirmed COVID-19 OR quarantined patient. Providing care to a patient with low-risk OR high-risk suspected COVID-19 and there is a risk of Aerosol Generating Behaviours (AGBs)* i.e. screaming, shouting, yelling (including active labour), singing or other abusive behaviours. For staff undertaking testing at port of entry COVID-19 testing locations. Anyone who has worked in or volunteered at a hotel quarantine or volunteered at a hotel quarantine and/or other port of entry in the last 14 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing care to a patient where their history cannot be obtained until further screening information can be obtained. At all times providing care to a low-risk OR high-risk suspected OR confirmed COVID-19 OR quarantined patient. Undertaking an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)* on a person who is low-risk suspected OR high-risk suspected OR confirmed COVID-19 OR quarantined patient. Providing care to a patient with low-risk OR high-risk suspected COVID-19 and there is a risk of Aerosol Generating Behaviours (AGBs)* i.e. screaming, shouting, yelling (including active labour), singing or other abusive behaviours. For staff undertaking COVID-19 testing at community testing locations including Sunshine RACs AND port of entry testing locations as well as COVID vaccination hubs, including Pharmacy area at Showgrounds Hub. 		

*Please refer to the Western Health PPE guidelines and associated documents for further information on determining risk category and for definitions on AGPs and AGBs.

PPE Spotters / Buddies

PPE spotters instituted in high risk areas and any areas with high risk suspected/confirmed or quarantined patients. Spotters step down to PPE Buddies when no such patients present.

PPE Spotters (supernumerary) in place in all COVID-19 designated areas and departments **with low risk or high risk suspected or confirmed** COVID-19 or quarantined patients. This includes in vaccine hubs dealing with the public. ICU's to use Buddy model depending on numbers of patients.