ALERT LEVEL 3 AND 4: HEALTH AND DISABILITY SECTOR RISK ASSESSMENT FOR INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE OF UNKNOWN COVID-19 STATUS

This document provides guidance for a risk assessment that should be undertaken at the first point of contact with people whose COVID-19 status is unknown. Please ask the questions before contact with the person, if possible (by phone or signage); otherwise maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres when asking them.¹ Defer care or use telemedicine where possible. Follow Standard Precautions for all care.² Also, refer to your organisational Infection Prevention and Control Guidance.

Clinical Criteria: Does the person have an acute respiratory infection with at least one of the following symptoms (with or without fever): new or worsening cough, fever (at least 38°C), shortness of breath, sore throat, sneezing or runny nose, loss of sense of smell or altered sense of taste.



X NO

Risk Factors:

In the 14 days prior to seeking care has the person:

- ▶ Had contact with a COVID-19 case OR
- ▶ Been in attendance at a current location of interest ³ **OR**
- ▶ Meets the **Higher Index for Suspicion Criteria (HIS)**⁴: Check the Ministry of Health website for updated information.



Provide them with

to wear for source

a medical mask

from others in a

well ventilated

space, ie single

space outdoors if

room or other

available.

If the person

needs clinical

assessment or

respirator, eye

and gloves.

protection, gown

direct care wear a

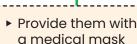
P2/N95 particulate

control.

► Ensure they are at least 2m



- Provide them with a medical mask to wear for source control.
- Maintain 2m from others or move them into a single room.
- Wear a medical mask and eye protection.
- When care is provided in a confined poorly ventilated space wear a P2/ N95 particulate respirator and eye protection.



to wear for source

√YES

► Maintain 2m from others or move them into a single room.

control.

- Wear a medical mask
- Eye protection optional.
- When care is provided in a confined poorly ventilated space wear a P2/ N95 particulate respirator.

 Person to wear a face covering (their own or medical mask provided).

X NO

- Wear a medical mask.
- Eye protection optional.
- Apply Standard Precautions depending on the nature of care to be provided.

SESSIONAL MASK USE: Where possible a mask or particulate respirator can be worn continuously. Replace if it becomes damp, damaged, or at the end of a session (up to 4 hours).

- 1. This assessment will determine what additional IPC precautions are required.
- 2. Refer to Frequently Asked Questions about PPE www.health.govt.nz/ppe-health
- 3. Refer to MOH for contact tracing places of interest www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest#current
- 4. Refer to MOH case definition: www.health.govt.nz/COVID-19 case definition.

