

# Ward and Department -Coronavirus Infectious Disease-19 Zone Status

To be read with the Guidelines for the Management of Coronavirus Infectious Diseases

Epidemiological criteria: history of close contact with confirmed case of COVID-19, recent travel to Denmark within the last 14 days.

Clinical criteria: new continuous cough, or fever  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  or loss of, /change in, normal sense of smell (anosmia) or taste (ageusia) (also consider: acute respiratory infection, influenza-like illness, clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia, or acute worsening of underlying respiratory illness, or fever without another cause)

## COVID-Red

High viral load in the area and/or completion of Aerosol Generating Procedures.

Required 'single-use enhanced respiratory' PPE:

- fluid-resistant gown,
- apron,
- FFP3 respirator masks,
- eye protection,
- long cuffed gloves.

On completion of AGPs, manipulation of respiratory and/or upper gastro-intestinal tract, or when giving personal care, change gloves and apron.

Enhanced environmental cleaning, enhanced final clean and curtain change on discharge.

No routine visitors.

## COVID – Amber

Suspected cases, low viral load in the area and/or step-down ward.

Required PPE:

- single-use apron,
- sessional-use fluid-resistant surgical mask,
- sessional-use eye protection,
- single-use gloves.

\* Single-use face shields should be used when giving care with risk of splashing.

AGPs or those involving manipulation of respiratory or upper gastro-intestinal tract must be completed whilst wearing single-use enhanced respiratory PPE as per COVID-Red.

Enhanced environmental cleaning, enhanced final clean and curtain change on discharge.

No routine visitors.

## COVID-Green

No suspected cases of COVID-19.

Standard precautions for every patient, every time AND sessional-use fluid-resistant surgical mask. Safety glasses are available to staff for use.

Single-use gloves and apron must be worn when exposure to body fluids, non-intact skin or mucous membranes is anticipated or likely.

All patients admitted to hospital require a surveillance swab for COVID-19. Transfer to wards or urgent investigations should not be delayed whilst awaiting results of the COVID-19 swab.

Clinical care with risk of splashing should be completed using droplet PPE as per COVID-Amber.

Patients with unknown COVID status requiring AGPs should be managed in a single-room as per COVID-Red.

COVID-19 negative patients requiring AGPs should be cared for using apron, FFP3 respirator mask, face visor and gloves; in the clinical environment appropriate for patient's needs e.g. Level 1 bay.

Routine environmental cleaning.

Visitor arrangements as per current Trust guideline.