

# RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE for high-risk community sites and community healthcare sites

PPE worn during potential exposure to a case	Contact type	Lower Risk Scenarios* Transient, limited contact OR In general, >1.5m apart less than 1h in a small closed space^ OR Outdoors or large well ventilated space^^ OR Brief direct physical contact with appropriate hand hygiene e.g. short physical examination	Higher Risk Scenarios* Prolonged face-to-face contact within 1.5 m OR >1h >1.5m apart in a small closed space^ OR Aerosol generating behaviours by case (AGBs e.g. coughing, yelling, singing) OR Aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) OR Household contacts	
	No effective PPE worn by person exposed or case e.g. no PPE or PPE with major breaches such as mask below nose	LOWER	HIGHER	
	Person exposed wearing face mask +/- eye protection Case NOT wearing a mask	LOWER	LOWER if also eye protection	HIGHER
	Person exposed NOT wearing a mask Case wearing a mask	LOWER	LOWER	HIGHER if very close or direct physical contact or AGBs/AGPs
	Person exposed wearing face mask +/- eye protection Case wearing a mask	LOWER	LOWER	

Residents of residential care facilities who live in the same house, wing, cohort or zone as a case are considered household contacts

High risk community sites include residential aged care facilities, and residential accommodation that supports people who require frequent, close, personal care.

Community health care sites include general practice, allied health, pharmacy and home care services

#Note: Use of gown/apron and gloves should be risk assessed based on individual incident, exposure to body substance and chances of environmental contamination

\*Note: assessment should be based on cumulative time spent with the case over the infectious period

^Small space examples - consultation room, procedure room, small meeting room, tea room, detention room, resident/client bedroom

^^Large space examples - dining room, conference room, open plan area of a residential wing, large waiting room