

Paediatric Patients Presenting with Respiratory Conditions or Fever

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Walk In Patients

Reception to ask: Fever, SOB or New Cough?

NO

- Direct straight through to sit in clean area of paeds waiting room (bus shelter) for triage
- Standard paeds triage -No PPE required

- YES
- Provide patient and accompanying relative with surgical face mask
- Direct to sit in main area of paediatric waiting room
- Respiratory triage Standard PPE for healthcare professional

Ambulance patients

- If pre-alert as confirmed COVID-19 or standby likely to require immediate AGP wear full PPE and receive in Paediatric Resus
- Ambulance triage wear standard PPE if pre-alert as ?COVID-19
- If Fever, SOB or New Cough identified don standard PPE
- Provide patient and relative with surgical face mask

Triage assessment

COVID-19 Not suspected

Possible COVID-19 Low acuity

New cough or Fever Admission unlikely

PossibleCOVID-19 High acuity

Suspected chest infection or influenza like illness likely to require admission

- UTS or O&A as appropriate (see agreed O&A condition list)
- Follow standard pathways
- · Paediatric waiting room
- Patients to be assessed and treated in rooms 2-5
- Standard PPE to be worn by healthcare professionals
- If deterioration transfer to paeds cubicle, high care or paeds resus
- Paediatric high care, cubicles or paeds resus as appropriate
- Standard PPE to be worn by healthcare professionals unless AGP

Discharged patients

- Advise household to isolate for 14 days if suspected COVID-19 (new cough or fever)
- If suspected COVID-19 after discharge clean room with Chlor-clean

Children with suspected COVID-19 should not be sent to O&A - admit for isolation or discharge home. Discuss with senior if unsure.

If patient requires admission

- Swab patient after referral
- Post admission deep clean cubicle with Chlor-clean

If patient requires AGP

- Isolate
- Full PPE
- Swab
- Bloods in high risk labelled bag
- Blood gases to ICU or lab in high risk labelled bag
- Post admission clean room with Chlor-clean

Standard PPE

- Surgical face mask, apron, gloves and visor if 'splash' risk
 Full PPE
- FFP3 mask, Gown, Apron, Double gloves, Visor

AGP (Aerosol Generating Procedure)

Intubation/extubation, NIV (CPAP/BiPAP), tracheostomy, manual ventilation, airway suctioning, bronchoscopy, nasal high flow oxygen (AIRVO), induction of sputum

NOTES:

- Nebulisers are not AGP, use standard PPE
- Avoid high flow oxygen (AIRVO) if possible especially if high suspicion of COVID-19 and consider discussion with paeds/anaesthetics/NWTS for intubation
- If initiating AIRVO use paeds resus