

A message from Paula

Epworth Clinical Services

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Epworth Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) colour zoning

To support our COVID-19 operational planning and to ensure a consistent and sustainable approach to the use of PPE across our hospitals, the PPE taskforce led by Fiona Harrington, will be supporting the introduction of colour zoning at all sites. This information follows on from the email advice by Melinda Tippett, Group Director Procurement and Supply on April 3, 2020.

Three colour zones have been designed to provide clear visual cues for our healthcare workers to easily identify the current PPE usage recommendations within different areas of our hospitals.

Red zone
High risk precautions e.g.
AGP, intubation

Orange zone
COVID-19 precautions

Blue zone
Standard precautions

A colour coded matrix of the recommended PPE items to be used by specific healthcare roles will be placed in each area. These PPE recommendations have been adopted from the latest version of the *DHHS PPE Guidance for Healthcare Workers*.

The following set-up will be in place for each PPE colour zone:

- > Coloured tape at the entry of the area (e.g. room, ward, area, bed) to easily identify zoning:
 - > *Black/yellow tape for (Donning/Doffing Zone)*
 - > *Orange tape (COVID-19 Bed/Room/Ward)*
 - > *Red tape (for when high risk procedures are being performed)*
- > A taped area for donning with:
 - > *Visible PPE recommendations for healthcare workers within the zone*
 - > *Visible donning procedure guide*
 - > *Hand hygiene dispenser*
 - > *PPE station with stock requirements for that zone*
- > A taped area for doffing with:
 - > *Visible doffing procedures related to each zone*
 - > *Hand hygiene dispenser*
 - > *Enviro bin with appropriate bin bag*

The PPE Lead at each site will be responsible for coordinating the initial set-up of the colour zones throughout the hospital and maintaining updates to zones as guidelines change over the course of the pandemic. Your PPE Lead will be accountable for updating the visual PPE recommendation documents in line with DHHS changes and will ensure that stock levels are maintained within each zone.

If you have any questions relating to the PPE colour zones, please contact your PPE Lead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Stephenson".

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