

Appendix 3: Recommended PPE Escalation for ARI according to Tier Response (in addition to standard precautions if indicated for another reason) as per MNH Standard 3 Committee

Tier Response →		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Patient Category ↓		Standard and transmission-based Precautions	Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions	Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions, Plus measures to counter high risk of unexpected influenza/RSV infection
PPE for HCW caring for residents/ patients in these categories	<u>No Signs/symptoms</u> of ARI	Standard precautions	Standard Precautions	HIGH INFLUENZA RATES: Surgical mask and Protective eyewear for High-Risk areas, including, but not limited to OPD ETC/ ED, HEAM unit, ONC unit, RESP & Maternity HIGH COVID 19 RATES: N95/P2 all clinical areas
	Suspected ARI (symptoms and awaiting test results)	P2/N95 mask Protective eyewear		
	ARI	Influenza - Surgical mask, protective eyewear. If oxygen therapy/CPAP/BiPAP – P2/N95 mask COVID 19 - P2/N95 mask, protective eyewear		
PPE for HCW during activities other than direct patient care		Not Applicable		Surgical mask unless working alone in their own office
PPE for patient use – symptoms of ARI (awaiting test results) or confirmed ARI		If patient not in a single room surgical mask where tolerated	Surgical mask where tolerated, unless inpatient in own bed	
PPE for patient use – <u>NO ARI</u> (excluding children under 12)		Not Applicable		If patient on ward where patients with confirmed influenza and/or RSV and/or COVID-19, are being managed not in single rooms for surgical mask where tolerated
PPE for visitors		Nil Additional	Recommended use of surgical masks	