

Personal Protective Equipment Rover: Role Descriptor

Monash Health is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees, patients, and families through the correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and integration of the COVID Model of Care principles.

The PPE Rover role, has been integrated with the Clinical Support Nurse responsibilities, to provide support to all employees as we transition to a COVID Model of Care by ensuring we are complying with PPE Tier conventional uses to meet safe standards and patient management principles. The clinical support role (and educators) are key to ensuring staff have access to support by expert nurses/midwives whom are confident in providing coaching, feedback and education as well as change management strategies. This includes continuous support for PPE application and removal, as well as patient management, and ongoing infection prevention educational resources and training, ensuring all information is current, and staff are aware of any updates or possible variations. This descriptor is to be read in conjunction with the relevant position description and attachment.

The PPE Rover role is not a clinician in patient direct-care roles. The role supports staff with a focus on the COVID Model of Care and correct PPE application and removal. All clinical support and educator roles will be able to demonstrate the skills and attributes below at any time as part of their role, and can undertake the specific daily PPE rover role. In addition to Clinical Support responsibilities, this role acts as an effective, trained observer who:

- spots defects in equipment
- is proactive in identifying risks and upholding COVID Model of Care principles
- follows an application and removal checklist of potential risk points, with a clear outcome focus to correct safe application and removal of PPE
- is informative, supportive, and appropriately paced in issuing instructions or advice
- empowers other employees to safely apply Monash Health standard precautions and infection prevention management practices in alignment with the COVID Model of Care
- educates and informs staff, patients and visitors of how to safely apply Monash Health standard precautions and appropriate COVID Model of Care practices
- educates patients and visitors about the benefits of hand hygiene

Rover responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the PPE Rover to:

- Liaise with the NCO, NM/MM, RN/RM In Charge, and local PPE coach
- Support the correct application and removal of PPE by all Monash Health employees, patients and visitors and upholding COVID Model of Care principles
- Ensure PPE stations have correct PPE posters and resources such as masks, gowns, gloves, hand hygiene products, and disposal bags/containers
- Ensure allocated area employees and visitors are applying and removing PPE according to correct and current organisational protocols and procedures and following co-horting practices in alignment with COVID Model of Care principles
- Control and recognise potential breaches in correct PPE application and removal
- Provide and advise where employees need adjustment to adhere with the correct PPE or Model of Care processes
- Provide feedback confirming correct use or identifying incorrect use of PPE
- Proactively supports the Model of Care principles
- Remains agile and providing updates to process and principles
- Where a breach occurs during care or PPE removal process, escalate to Infection Prevention for assessment and potential furlough. Inform Nurse in Charge that an escalation has occurred
- Discuss PPE and COVID Model of Care concerns, queries and provide support and education as required to ward/unit
- Facilitate ward PPE education where no PPE coach is available
- When demand for the PPE Rover is reduced, they are to provide clinical support where required in consultation with the NCO after hours or the CNE within hours [Clinical Support Nurse Position Description](#)



Reference

State of Victoria, Australia, Department of Health and Human Services. (2020). Coronavirus (COVID-10) Personal Protective Equipment Spotter Guidance, Retrieved from <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

