

Working in streaming and high-risk areas within and outside Monash Health

	Category 1 High-risk rostered to a streaming area (prolonged and direct contact)	Category 2 Direct contact with COVID but not rostered to a streaming ward	Category 3 Other high-risk HCW
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rostered to COVID streaming ward (e.g., nurses, medical team dedicated to COVID ward) Rostered to direct COVID care in ICU or ICU pod (medical and nursing) Rostered to COVID birth suite (midwife 1:1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter COVID streaming area or room Providing brief direct care to a confirmed case: e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> covering registrar/resident for COVID ward medical consulting team anaesthetics, theatre nurses sonographer allied health Emergency Department clinical staff Medical Emergency / Code Blue team(s) Non-clinical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support services (cleaners) streaming ward clerical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiology, theatre, where cases have been in the area Working in wards/dialysis/outpatients if elevated community transmission in the LGA of the health service Working in a screening clinic or vaccination clinic if elevated community transmission in the LGA of the clinic
Example	Nurse or doctor working in Monash, RMH, Alfred or Box Hill Hospital COVID Ward or ICU (where COVID positive patients are currently admitted)	Anaesthetist supporting intubation of COVID positive patient	A nurse working in dialysis in Cabrini during COVID Peak
Vaccination/fit testing /PPE training	Yes - all required	Yes - all required	Ideally vaccinated. Fit testing and PPE training required
Surveillance testing	During care and 14 days from the last contact with COVID positive patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x throat-nose swab PCR and 4 saliva swab PCR (or on all days attending work) per week* 	During care and 14 days from the last contact with COVID positive patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x throat-nose swab PCR and 4 saliva swab PCR (or on all days attending work) per week* 	1 x throat-nose swab PCR prior to working at Monash Health
Working at Monash Health after a shift in a designated hospital	Allowed following a risk assessment, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reported PPE breaches or exposures Employee fully vaccinated Employee was in Tier 3 and wearing fit-tested N95 at all times of patient contact 	Allowed following a risk assessment, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reported PPE breaches or exposures Employee fully vaccinated Employee was in Tier 3 and wearing fit-tested N95 at all times of patient contact 	Allowed following a risk assessment, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reported PPE breaches or exposures Has had a negative swab in the past 48 hours
Requirements when moving between campuses at Monash Health or moving to Monash Health from another health service	3-day break and negative swab prior to starting and complete 14-day surveillance	14-day surveillance. Surveillance should start before moving sites or services.	Allowed if has had negative swab in past 48 hours
Moving between wards	Risk assessment based on reported breaches, vaccination, fit testing	Risk assessment based on reported breaches, vaccination, fit testing	Risk assessment based on reported breaches, vaccination, fit testing
Employees visiting patients in hospital	No restrictions	No restrictions	No restrictions
Employees requiring medical care	Tier 3 if symptomatic Tier 1 if asymptomatic	Tier 3 if symptomatic Tier 1 if asymptomatic	Tier 3 if symptomatic Tier 1 if asymptomatic

*Only required on days of work. If not at work weekly throat-nose swab PCR only. Currently saliva testing can be performed on the ward. Utilise Monash drive-through clinics for NP swabs.