**Protocol: Covid-19 PPE for Macquarie Cluster 30 July 2021**

Please adhere to the following protocols until further notice.

Staff working in A1 House

* Must wear P2/N95 mask **and** face shield/goggles at all times
* must follow Contact + Droplet + Airborne precautions (P2/N95 mask, face shield **or** goggles, full sleeve gown and gloves) when working on the floor with consumer
* Staff must conduct fit checking every time they wear a P2/N95 mask and follow correct donning and doffing process for PPE.
* When staff take a break, **one staff at a time**, not together. Remove all the PPE and conduct hand hygiene when eating and drinking.  Staff need to wipe clean all the surface after use. Put on fresh PPE gear before return to work. Staff interacting with other staff, even in designated “clean areas” must be wearing the N95 mask **and** face shield or goggles
* If staff conduct individual client personal care e.g. feeding, showering or change pads, staff need to change PPE before taking care of the next client.
* Shared client equipment needs to be wiped cleaned by disinfectant wipes after each use.

Staff working across the rest of the Macquarie Cluster (not in A1)

* must wear a face shield **or** goggles in addition to the current standard precautions and current PPE (which is a Surgical Mask)

Goggles (Protective Eyewear)

* are reusable and may be cleaned with disinfectant wipes between use.

Face Shields

* If they are noted as single use on the packaging, they should not be re-used.
* They don’t need to be changed unless damaged or contaminated by coming into direct close contact with a suspected or confirmed covid case. If removed for this or any other reason, including staff breaks, they would need to be discarded.
* If they are noted as reusable on the packaging, they can be cleaned the same way as goggles.