



## COVID-19

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Providence leaders and medical staff,

As our acute areas across St. Paul's and Mount Saint Joseph hospitals experience higher volumes of known or suspected cases of COVID-19, we are adopting a process to easily communicate the level of personal protective equipment (PPE) required in each inpatient care area.

This visual guide is intended to communicate the known presence of COVID-19 in these areas and therefore alert staff of when to take extreme care or avoid the area unless absolutely necessary.

The door or entryway to each unit will display a poster with a traffic light image showing red, yellow, green or a combination of these colours.

**The colours indicate the following PPE requirements:**



**RED** – Known COVID – LIMITED ACCESS - CONTACT and DROPLET precautions as per routine practices , PPE and *exceptional* hand hygiene



**YELLOW**- Potential COVID – extraordinary precautions - CONTACT and DROPLET precautions as per routine practices , PPE and *exceptional* hand hygiene



**Green** – No known COVID – extraordinary precautions (mask/face shield) and *exceptional* hand hygiene

Please watch for these posters to be delivered to your units. Your poster package will contain multiple options for combinations of red/green/yellow. Unit leadership are asked to hang the poster which most closely reflects their unit and reassess as census changes occur.

**Questions?**

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