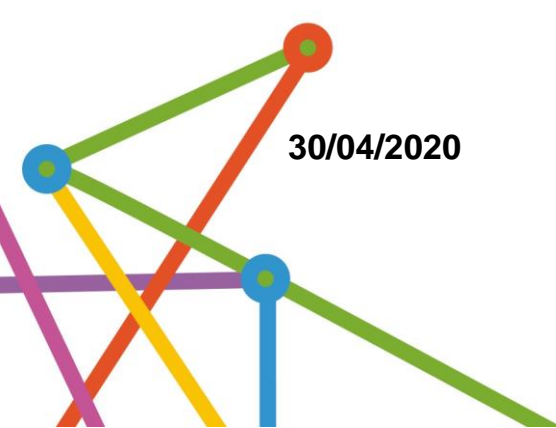# Virtual Community of Practice Resources

COVID-19 is an evolving situation. As such, advice and information relating to the COVID-19 response may change. Ensure you stay up to date by subscribing to our daily COVID-19 GP Update here.

For more information on COVID-19, visit our Practice Assist website.

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Use of PPE

For links to information about appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sourcing PPE, see the resources from our first Virtual Community of Practice [here](#).

A number of visual how-to guides for fitting and removing PPE are available from the Australian Department of Health:

- [How to fit and remove PPE in the correct order](#)
- Hand hygiene: [soap and water](#), [hand sanitiser](#)
- [How to fit and remove protective eyewear](#)
- [How to fit and remove protective gloves](#)
- [How to fit and remove a surgical mask](#)
- [How to fit and remove a P2 (N95) Respirator](#)
- [How to fit and remove a protective gown](#)

COVID-19 Testing

- Current [advice](#) from WA Department of Health.
- [Collection of specimens from suspected cases of COVID-19 in community settings](#)

Infection Control

Key resources:

- The Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2019)
  - [MAGICapp](#)
  - [Printable](#)
- [RACGP COVID-19 Infection Control Principles](#)
- [COVID-19 infection control training.](#)
- Australian Government: [COVID-19 guidelines for infection prevention and control in RACFs](#).
- WA Department of Health: [Identification and Use of Personal Protective Equipment in the Clinical Setting During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Policy](#)[1].
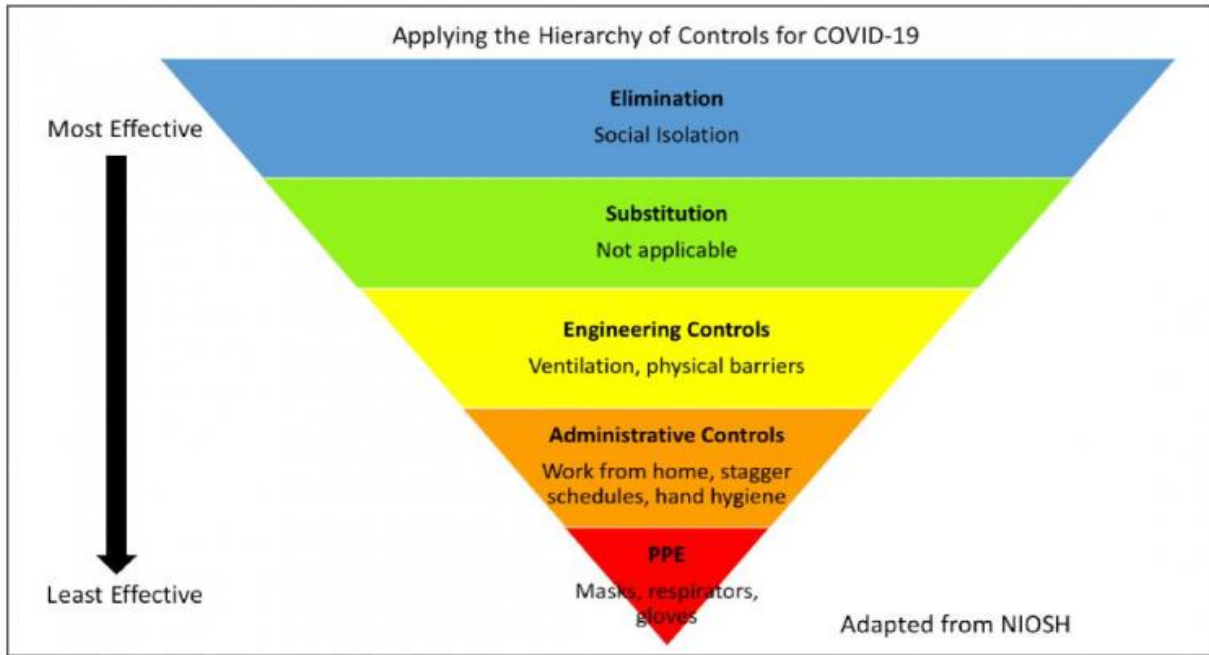
Additional Resources

- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce has developed evidence-based clinical guidelines and clinical flowcharts focused on the treatment of adults with COVID-19. The guidelines are updated weekly as new evidence emerges. The guidelines can be accessed [here.](#)
- Interim guidelines from the [Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases](#):
  - [Interim guidelines for the clinical management of COVID-19 in children and adolescents](#)
  - [Interim guidelines for the clinical management of COVID-19 in adults](#)

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[1] Note: This Policy applies to Health Service Providers (HSPs) under the WA Department of Health. It is not intended for general practice, however the information may be helpful to practices in determining their own procedures. In particular the decision flowchart on page 6 may be of use.

Hierarchy of controls for COVID-19

Applying the Hierarchy of Controls for COVID-19

Most Effective

Elimination
Social Isolation

Substitution
Not applicable

Engineering Controls
Ventilation, physical barriers

Administrative Controls
Work from home, stagger schedules, hand hygiene

PPE
Masks, respirators, gloves

Least Effective

Adapted from NIOSH

Source: Australian Health Protection Principal Committee
https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-coronavirus-covid-19-statements-on-24-april-2020