

COVID risk stratification for TQEH theatre - ELECTIVE

Based on CALHN inpatient risk stratification / SA Health PPE matrix

Stratification	A	B	C
Risk	All patients in SA No high-risk epi identified	High epi-risk Close Contact ¹ ERP on ward	COVID 19 positive
Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)	Negative on day of surgery	Negative on day 6 after close contact AND on day of surgery	Positive RAT +/- positive PCR Negative RAT on day of surgery required if later than 28 days from date of positive COVID test ⁵
PCR test	Negative within 72 hours if symptomatic ²	Negative within 72 hours if symptomatic ²	
Clinical priority	Proceed as planned	Asymptomatic Delay for minimum of 7 days ⁴ Symptomatic Delay until resolution of symptoms OR 14 days if remain symptomatic ³	Delay for 14 days after positive test, <i>provided patient is asymptomatic</i> ³
Precautions	All staff to wear N95 & eye protection as standard		
Location	A or B Block		
Anaesthesia	As appropriate No lockout		
PACU	Standard		
Cleaning	Clinell wipes clean of all theatre equipment after case Standard Clinell clean at end of list		

ERP - Enhanced respiratory precautions – impervious gown, gloves, safety goggles, single-use face shield, N95 mask

Testing - Responsibility for organising / conducting PCR and / or RAT lies with the home team – patients will not be brought to holding bay without RAT result as a minimum except⁵**1: Close contact refers to the following**

- Household member or intimate partner of confirmed case during their infectious period
- Someone who has had close personal interaction with a COVID-19 case during their infectious period:
 - For >15 minutes AND
 - Masks were not worn AND
 - In close physical proximity AND
 - Indoor setting
- Someone who has been notified by SA Health that they are a close contact
- Someone who has been to an exposure site during the exposure period for that site
- Day 0 = last day of contact with positive case OR date person with COVID had their test (if household and cannot separate from)

2: If a patient is symptomatic, a negative PCR must be confirmed to follow the standard precautions pathway**3: If patient remains symptomatic seek advice from Infectious diseases prior to rescheduling****4: If patient ONLY has chronic symptoms and a negative PCR at 72 hours they can be rescheduled after 7 days and follow the standard precautions pathway**

QR code link to SA contact and exposure locations website

