



## COVID-19 UPDATE

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### **Additional Considerations for partners of woman in labour that do not have COVID-19 or are PUI**

1. Partner to accompany patient for the labour and delivery
2. Partner may go into theatre for Caesar as per normal
3. After delivery
  - a. If patient in a private room with a bathroom – partner can stay and not move in or out of the room. (Hospital specific if they can do this)
  - b. If in a general ward, partner can stay with the patient in the general ward for the day, may not walk around or visit the coffee shop, and must leave in the evening.
4. **Each hospital to decide what they can and can't do**, partners coming in and out to be discouraged, must remain for the day.

### **Additional Considerations in Paediatric Patients who are COVID-19 positive needing admission**

1. Child Positive for COVID-19 or PUI – parent will have been in close contact:
  - a. Paediatric Ward
    - i. 'Parent and Child' to be isolated as one unit. Nursing staff to take appropriate IPC precautions when entering the room.
      1. *Rationale:* if you remove the parent the nurse will be more exposed as will be in room all the time and child may be very distressed without a parent.
    - ii. Do not allow additional visitors, and parent may not change unless their own condition changes
  - b. Paediatric ICU/CCU (Child ventilated)
    - i. Parents will not be allowed into the unit to sit with the child