

For suspected or confirmed High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID)

These are specific infectious organisms that are both highly infectious and also can be difficult to treat.

They can be:

- Spread primarily by DIRECT/INDIRECT CONTACT Examples: Ebola virus, Lassa virus
- Spread by the AIRBORNE route Examples: SARS, MERS-CoV, Avian Influenza

Usually this will only occur after discussion with ID/Virology.

Patients that need to stay in the ED should be managed in red resus (Surgical Observation Unit)

Use ENHANCED PRECAUTIONS

- Reinforced fluid-resistant long-sleeved surgical gown
- Head cover e.g. surgical cap/Hood
- Full length disposable plastic apron over gown
- FFP3 respirator or powered hood respirator
- Full face visor
- 2 sets of long or extended cuff non-sterile, non-latex disposable gloves
- Surgical wellington boots or closed shoes
- Disposable boot covers

All PPE is kept in the Major incident cupboard. Jupiter Hood batteries are in the viewing room charging.

Refer to departmental donning instructions to correctly don the PPE.

Consider creating a safe area for doffing the PPE.

Refer to the department doffing instructions to correctly doff the PPE.

Minimise staff involved.

Keep a log of all staff involved.

Double bag and quarantine waste/laundry with patient until IPCT advice given.