Infection Prevention and Control Precautions and PPE Guide in the BIRTHING UNIT Environment

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		Category 1	Category 2	
		Swab Negative Asymptomatic	No Swab Asymptomatic *No exposure	
Triage		Routine Precautions	Routine Precautions	
Birthing Rooms	Labour	Routine Precautions	Routine Precautions	
	Active NCB or 2nd Stage and Delivery	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact	
	Resus Team	Routine Precautions	Routine Precautions	
BU OR	Surgical Team	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact	
	Resus Team	Routine Precautions (scrubs/hat/mask)	Routine Precautions (scrubs/hat/mask)	
Recovery Room MBU		Routine precautions	Routine precautions	

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		Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
		No Swab Asymptomatic **Possible exposure	Symptomatic regardless of screening (Suspect COVID-19)	Positive or Indeterminate Swab (known COVID-19)
Triage		Droplet /Contact	Droplet/Contact	Droplet/Contact
Birthing Rooms	Labour	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact
	Active NCB 2nd Stage and Delivery	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact
	Resus Team	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact	Droplet /Contact
BU OR	Surgical Team	Enhanced Respiratory Protection	Enhanced Respiratory Protection	Enhanced Respiratory Protection
	Resus Team	Droplet / Contact Precautions for Resus team If confirmed GA or converted to a GA, Resus team to leave room and put on N95 mask 1-hour wait time post-intubation/ extubation***		
Recovery Room / MBU		Droplet / Contact	Droplet / Contact	Droplet / Contact

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