

Transfer of COVID-19 Suspected or Confirmed patients out of the ED

- Inform the receiving department / area prior to patient transfer
- The patient must wear a surgical face mask during transportation
- Patients on O2 Therapy should be changed to nasal prongs if safe to do so and wear a surgical face mask
- A fresh top sheet should be placed over the patients bed
- Staff members accompanying the patient should wear a new clean set of PPE
- The minimum number of staff required to transport a patient is
 - One nurse in PPE
 - One HSA in PPE
 - A second HSA to Clear the corridor & to call and lock the gold lift (This H S A is not required to have PPE as will maintain a safe distance from the patient)
- Staff should ensure that visitors and other staff maintain a safe distance from the patient during transport
 - The main ED corridor should be cleared of all people during transfer of the patient
- The second HSA will call and lock the lift and ensure no visitors or other staff are in the lift or enter the lift during transfer