When exposures to infectious agents occurred in the hospital, department leaders, EHWS and Infection Prevention staff conducted contact tracing and testing of staff who were potentially exposed. This will still apply to non-pandemic infectious diseases e.g. TB, blood borne pathogens etc.

In the pandemic situation we are experiencing it is not necessary to perform retrospective contact testing on all staff who have taken care of a patient or been exposed to another colleague who subsequently tests positive for SARS-CoV-2. The rationale for this is that each of us must assume we may have been in contact with an asymptomatic person both in the hospital or wider community.

**Problem / Issue Description / Reason for change:**
All staff who are in patient facing situations should wear a surgical mask and face shield and perform frequent hand hygiene to protect themselves. At this time we are testing all PUIs with an in-house rapid test prior to admission so that they can appropriately be placed. Going forward, patients admitted for reasons other than possible COVID-19 will also be tested and receive results within 24-48 hours.

**Initials of Staff indicates understanding and agreement of the changes:**