

ASSESSMENT OF Healthcare Staff with COVID-19 Contact



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Current evidence suggests that COVID-19 is transmitted through close contact and droplets among people. Those at the highest risk of getting this disease are the ones who have contact with the patient or those who care for them. Therefore, healthcare staff who care for these patients are considered to be at high risk for this infection and protection of healthcare staff is considered to be one of the top priorities. In this section, it will be explained how the healthcare staff who come into contact with the COVID-19 patient should be categorized according to the actions and the measures they take during the contact and how they should be evaluated.

Table 1: Assessment of Healthcare Staff's Contact with COVID-19 Patient

	Healthcare Staff's Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Contact Risk
Intense contact with COVID-19 patient wearing a Surgical Mask	No Medical Mask or N95 used, or medical mask used only in case of N95 indication	Moderate
	No eye protection used	Low
	No gloves and gown used	Low
	All PPE used properly	Not Considered Risky
Intense contact with COVID-19 patient not wearing a Surgical Mask	No Medical Mask or N95 used	High
	Use of medical mask in case of N 95 indication	Moderate
	No eye protection used	Moderate
	No gloves and gown used	Low
	All PPE used properly	Not Considered Risky

Short talks at the triage desk, short-term entrances to the patient room without contact with the patient and entry to the patient's room, who is discharged, are not considered risky.

- » A healthcare staff who accompanies the patient during walking, does not come in contact with the patient and his extractions, and does not enter the patient room is not considered risky.
- » There is no risk of contact in healthcare staff who do not directly contact the patient, do not enter rooms where the patient is actively cared for, and comply with routine safety measures.

Intense contact with the COVID-19 patient includes contacts that occur during any of the following procedures

- » Collecting respiratory tract sample
- » Intubation
- » Aspiration of respiratory secretions
- » Non-invasive ventilation
- » High flow oxygen therapy
- » Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- » Use of nebulizer
- » Endoscopic procedures
- » Bronchoscopy
- » Videolaryngoscopy
- » Dentistry applications
- » Mouth-throat-nose examination
- » Ophthalmological examinations
- » Insertion of central catheter

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FOR HEALTHCARE STAFF WITH COVID-19 CONTACT

