



1 Teamwork

Assign team roles and help each other to get ready:

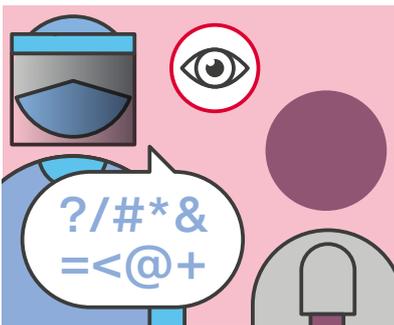
- Decide who goes in first
- Assign a 'clean' runner who does not go into the room
- Help colleagues to don PPE



2 Transitions

Be aware of transitions of staff and equipment between 'dirty' and 'clean' zones:

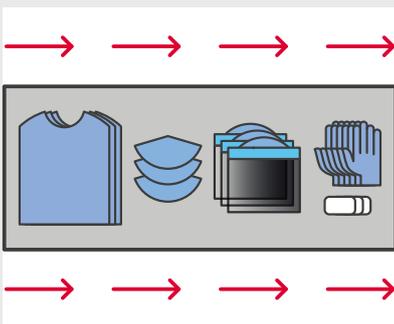
- Clearly mark contamination zones
- Doff gloves and gown inside the room, masks outside
- Use a COVID-19 transfer plan



3 Communication

Recognise and manage communication challenges caused by wearing PPE:

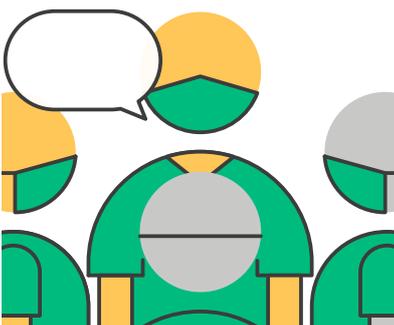
- Give priority to effective and respectful communication with the woman/partner
- Use labels to identify staff wearing PPE (eg senior midwife)
- Use agreed, standardised ways to communicate among the team



4 Design and layout

Organise work flows and equipment to make the right way the easy way:

- Display posters with national guidance for donning and doffing
- Apply human factors principles to donning station (eg items placed in sequence of use)
- Have a single-use grab bag with standard design and contents
- Make treatment algorithms easy to read and use
- Use wide-mouth, fully opening bins



5 Debrief

Take the opportunity to debrief as a team:

- Make sure the whole team can provide feedback and learn from the event
- Ensure psychological safety and take a problem-solving approach with shared goals, shared knowledge and mutual respect
- Refine, test and train procedures for managing obstetric emergencies in your unit