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| COVID-19 Risk Screening Questions  V7 |
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# Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services with guidance to screening COVID-19 risk, consistent with current public health management of COVID-19 in the community . It supports the COVID-19 MCH advice found at < https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/maternal-child-health>.

# COVID-19 Risk Screening Questions

The following risk screening questions can be asked by MCH staff prior to booking and undertaking any face-to-face service provision.

| **Questions** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| Have you returned a positive COVID-19 test (RAT or PCR) in the last seven days? |  |  |
| Are you or anyone in your household, a **‘close contact’** of someone who is a confirmed case of COVID-19. |  |  |
| Are you or anyone in your household experiencing any of the following COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms:  Runny nose  Sore Throat  Cough  Fever  Chills or sweats |  |  |
| Are you or anyone in your household waiting on a COVID-19 test result? |  |  |

## Risk Assessment

### No to all questions

If the client has answered **No** to all the above questions, they are assessed as **lower risk.** Therefore:

Face to face service delivery **is recommended** to occur in line with COVID-19 MCH advice found at < https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/maternal-child-health> and

‘PPE use’ as per [COVID-19 - A guide to the conventional use of personal protective equipment (PPE) | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/guide-conventional-use-ppe-covid-19-doc) and [Guidance for the conventional use of PPE in primary care and community settings | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-community-service-providers-prevention-covid-19-doc) being followed.

### Yes, to any of the above questions

If the client has answered **Yes** to **any** of the above questions, they are deemed **higher risk**.

MCH service provision **is recommended to be undertaken by telehealth** in the first instance, as per COVID-19 MCH advice found at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/maternal-child-health>.

Any additional essential face to face service **is recommended** to occur with ‘PPE use’ as per [COVID-19 - A guide to the conventional use of personal protective equipment (PPE) | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/guide-conventional-use-ppe-covid-19-doc) and [Guidance for the conventional use of PPE in primary care and community settings | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-community-service-providers-prevention-covid-19-doc) being followed.

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