Obstetrical Anesthesia: Operating Room PPE Protocol

**Obstetrical OR**

**YES**
- COVID screening questions negative AND Asymptomatic
  
  **GREEN Zone OR**
  - C-Section
  - Regional with low risk conversion to GA
  - Routine OR
    - Surgical mask (not N95)
    - PLUS Shared Health Green Zone Precautions

  **GA C-Section or High Risk conversion to GA:**
  - Inadequate block
  - No time for epidural top up
  - Concern for massive blood loss (>1.5L)
  - Transverse Lie
  - COVID Swab negative within 24 H

**NO/No time to assess**
- COVID screening questions negative AND Asymptomatic

  **ORANGE/RED Zone OR**
  - C-Section
  - Neuraxial or GA
  - EDCP* + N95 mask
  - For all staff

**COVID SCREENING QUESTIONS FOR EXPOSURE:** In the past 14 days have you:
- Returned from travel outside of Manitoba (excluding travel to Western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrace Bay); OR
- Had exposure to a confirmed case of infection with the COVID-19 virus (confirm setting and how individual was notified); OR
- Had exposure in laboratory working directly with biological specimens;

**SIGNS & SYMPTOMS CRITERIA:** In the past 14 days have you:
- ONE of: fever > 38°C or subjective fever/chills, cough, sore throat / hoarse voice, shortness of breath / breathing difficulties, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours
- TWO OR MORE of: runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue, conjunctivitis (pink eye), headache,, skin rash of unknown cause, nausea or loss of appetite, poor feeding if an infant

Patients unable to provide a reliable history are to be placed in ‘Orange’ category (Droplet/Contact Precautions) until their status can be clarified.

*EDCP = Enhanced Droplet Contact Precautions*