Dear Colleagues

Further to correspondence dated 9 February 2022 regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance, I am pleased to advise that from 4 pm, Monday 21 March 2022, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service and the following local geographic areas have been determined by the Chief Health Officer to be ‘moderate risk’ for PPE usage:

- Aurukun
- Cookshire;
- Hopevale;
- Kowanyama;
- Lockhart River;
- Mapoon;
- Napranum;
- Northern Peninsula Area;
- Pormpuraaw
- Torres;
- Torres Strait Island;
- Weipa;
- Wujal Wujal.

Emergency Departments, Queensland Ambulance Service and Queensland Health Vaccination Clinics within the areas listed above remain at the ‘high risk’ determination.

This PPE de-escalation notice does not replace any PPE or mask wearing requirements outlined in Chief Health Officer directions.

Please also check the Queensland Health PPE website for the most current PPE guidance, accessible at [Personal protective equipment (PPE) | COVID-19 | Queensland Health](https://www.health.qld.gov.au). All of the PPE Guidance documents have now been updated.

Queensland Health appreciates your collaboration in working to address the impacts of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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