Neonate of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 mother

Baby born to mother with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (maternal COVID-19 is not itself an indication for nursery admission)

**Preparation for birth**
- Neonatal team to attend as per usual clinical indications
- Consider resuscitation in a room outside of birthing room/theatre (to minimise staff exposure)
- Only essential equipment on resuscitaire
  - Store other equipment in accessible closed container that can be cleaned

**Transfer**
- Transport in a closed system between locations in the facility

**COVID-19 test**
- Not routinely recommended
- Test if other clinical indications identified (e.g. becomes unwell)

**Co-location with mother**
- In isolation (if possible)
- Routine neonatal observations
  - Maintain awareness for symptoms of infection (e.g. fever, tachypnoea)
  - Support maternal feeding choice (including breastfeeding)
  - Support risk minimisation during usual mother-baby interactions
  - Aim for prompt discharge

**Newborn Screening Test**
- Collect as per usual processes/timeframes
- If discharge into quarantine/isolation before 48 hours of age, collect NST at discharge
- After release from quarantine/isolation collect another NST at the earliest opportunity

**Risk minimisation strategies for family**
- Hand hygiene before and after contact
- Cough or sneeze into elbow
- Face mask during baby care
- Visitor restrictions
- Cleaning/sterilising equipment and surfaces

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**Perform clinical assessment**

**Resuscitation**
- Follow usual neonatal resuscitation recommendations
- Airborne and contact precautions required during AGP

**Assess**
- If required care can be safely provided while baby co-located with mother

**Risk minimisation**
- Advise mother about importance of risk minimisation strategies
- Visitors as per public health directives and local protocols

**Admit to nursery**
- Nurse in incubator
- In isolation (if possible)
- All usual clinical care as indicated
- PPE according to clinical care requirements
- Support maternal feeding choice

**After care**
- Consider usual criteria for discharge
- Identify appropriate care giver prior to discharge
- Provide advice about:
  - When to seek assistance
  - Expected clinical course
  - Follow-up for routine screening (e.g. NST)
- Notify community healthcare providers (e.g. GP, child health services, health workers) of discharge and follow-up actions required

**If quarantine to continue**
- Advise family about requirements for quarantine at home
- Routine follow-up via telehealth/telephone until release from quarantine

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AGP: aerosol generating procedure, GP: general practitioner, NNST: newborn screening test, PPE: personal protective equipment
