

Fact Sheet for General Practice

Respiratory hygiene stations

The Australian Government Department of Health has developed information for primary and community health workers when caring for patients with suspected or confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Refer to the following link:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-information-for-primary-and-community-health-workers>

SA Health recommends general and community based practices have respiratory hygiene stations available for patients presenting for care.

Respiratory hygiene stations

Respiratory hygiene stations provide healthcare workers and their patients with the equipment and signage recommended to promote cough etiquette and infection prevention and control.

Practices should set up a respiratory hygiene station inside near the entrance of the practice ensuring tissues, surgical masks, large alcohol wipes and alcohol based hand gel is available for patients presenting with respiratory illnesses to access prior to consultation with the doctor.

- > Place cough etiquette signage written in English and Simplified Chinese at the entrance to the practice and on your respiratory hygiene station.

See related resources section on the SA Health Wash, Wipe, Cover resources page:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/washwipecover

- > Ask patients with respiratory symptoms to clean their hands using the alcohol gel and to put on a surgical mask upon entry to the practice (if not already wearing a mask).

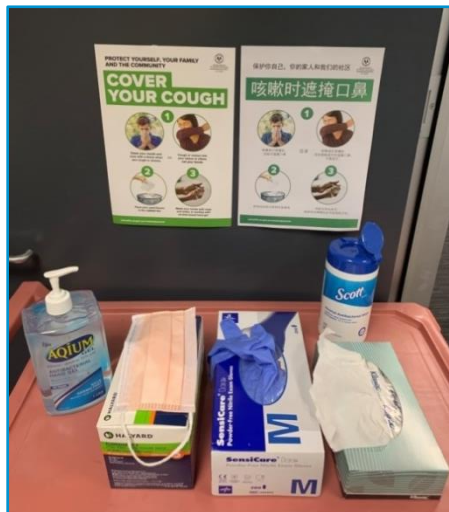


Image: Example of a respiratory hygiene station. Products displayed are for example purposes only.

For further resources and information refer to:

- > Australian Government Department for Health – Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) resources: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>

For more information

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