COVID-19: Consumer evidence summary for kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant recipients

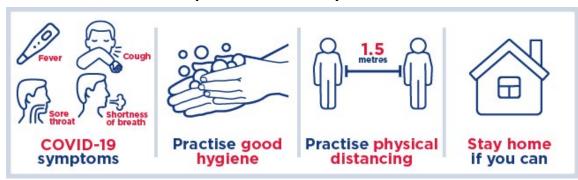


This summary is for kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant recipients in Australia and New Zealand and should not replace advice from your Transplant team.

All recommendations are ungraded and based on the best information available at the time of writing.

All transplant recipients including those on stable doses of immunisations are at risk of severe COVID-19 infection.

Take precautions to stay safe



Maintain usual care



Continue your regular medications

Keep up your regular appointments and tests

If you have COVID-19 symptoms



Contact your transplant team for testing immediately



Wear a mask in public areas if advised by your doctor

Avoid risks



It is not safe to re-use single use masks



Consult your transplant team before commencing any new medicines

Return to school/work



Discuss with the transplant team and your child's school any requirements specific to your child



Develop a safe return-to-work plan with your transplant team and employer

Australia Emergency: 000

Lifeline

13 11 14, lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue

1800 512 348, coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au

Government

headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19

Transplant Australia

1800 827 757, transplant.org.au

Kidney Health Australia

1800 454 363, kidney.org.au

New Zealand Emergency: 111

Healthlin

Free call 0800 611 116, healthpoint.co.nz

Government

Call or text 1737, covid19.govt.nz

Depression helpline

Call 0800 111 757 or text 8681, depression.org.nz

Kidney Health New Zealand

Tel 0800 543 639, kidney.health.nz

World Health Organization

How to put on, use, take off and dispose of a mask



Before putting on a mask, wash hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask

Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcoholbased hand rub or soap and water



Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks



To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; wash hands with alcoholbased hand rub or soap and water