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Dear Pharmacist

At a press conference on 24 August 2020, the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young announced that she had requested hospitals in the Metro North, Metro South and West Moreton regions of Queensland to undertake appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) precautions for all patient interactions.

Community pharmacies in these regions, as highly accessible primary health care providers, are similarly encouraged to consider undertaking appropriate PPE precautions.

Please find attached the first edition of the "Pandemic Response Guidance on Personal protective equipment in Healthcare delivery". While there is not yet evidence of widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in these regions, pharmacy staff may wish to consider undertaking PPE precautions in line with a moderate to high risk of community transmission.

If you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Justin Lee, Director, Medication Services Queensland, Department of Health via email at CommunityPharmacyCOVID-19@health.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1: Pandemic Response Guidance on Personal protective equipment in Healthcare delivery