Decisions made using this algorithm should be within the context of the local epidemiology.

Suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients can be managed in any OR theatre.

Designated COVID-19 OR theatres are no longer recommended.

Modified Respiratory Precautions PPE: fit-tested N95 respirator or well-fitting procedure/surgical mask, eye protection, gown, gloves

For further information about PPE refer to IPC PPE Table for Surgical Suite during COVID-19.

**COVID-19 OR Algorithm Notes:**

1. Pre-operative huddle: Confirm whether patient is in COVID-19 confirmed, suspected, or unable to assess stream versus non-COVID-19 stream. Discuss disposition of the patient including intra-operative and post-operative PPE requirements.
2. Communication to PACU occurs in pre-operative huddle. Changes must also be communicated clearly during the post-operative debriefing.
3. The decision to use Modified Respiratory Precautions PPE when patient screens negative is based on clinical judgement within the context of the local epidemiology.
4. Post-operative debriefing: Communicate to PACU if any changes to care plan or post-operative recovery location. If no changes, follow Routine Practices and proceed with standard patient care.

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