

# Course Information Sheet

## COVID-19 in a Care Environment

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<b>Course Code</b>	AOC17090-B-HR-NZ	<b>Course Series</b>	Infection Prevention and Control
<b>Learning Pathway</b>	Fundamental		
<b>Course Description</b>	SARS-CoV-2 is a type of Coronavirus. This special event video provides information regarding the virus, the potential impact of the virus to aged care and any strategies aged care needs to implement to mitigate the risk of infection to clients and staff.		
<b>Subjects covered include</b>	COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) — Hand Hygiene — PPE — Prevention Strategies & Precautions — Residential Care — Home Care — Retirement Living — Risk Factors — Diagnosis — Organisational Policies & Procedures		
<b>Target Audience</b>	All Staff		

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### Learning Outcomes

After viewing this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe what coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is
- Explain what effect the disease could have on aged care services
- Describe what infection control precautions need to be implemented if someone in aged care has contracted coronavirus

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### Update

We recognise that information is constantly evolving. Please review information on the [Ministry of Health](#) for the most current advice.

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### Did You Know?

- The best way to protect yourself against COVID-19 is by frequently cleaning your hands. By doing this, you eliminate viruses that may be on your hands and also avoid infection that could occur by then touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- The most effective way to clean your hands is by using alcohol-based hand rub or washing them with soap and water. Once your hands are cleaned, dry them thoroughly by using paper towels or a warm air dryer.
- People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

[Source: World Health Organization](#)

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### Subject Matter Expert

**Margaret Jennings** is a microbiologist who has worked in clinical laboratories and both taught and demonstrated microbiology at tertiary level. Margaret's interest in Infection Prevention & Control developed from a review she performed on the use and abuse of disinfectants in health care combined with the release of the National Standard for Instrument Processing. In 2014 she was invited by the RACGP to contribute to their 5th edition Infection Prevention & Control standards.

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### Resources to Support Your Learning

[Cover your cough \(CDC\)](#)

[5 Moments for Hand Hygiene](#)

[WHO Handrub](#)

[WHO Handwash](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

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