**Increased duties of Emergency Physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic**

* Personal Tasks
  + Undertaking Personal protective equipment (PPE) and scenario simulation COVID19 training
  + Undertaking hand hygiene training and certification
  + Donning and doffing PPE for some patients
  + Infection control precautions for all patients
* Training
  + (PPE and simulations) junior healthcare workers
  + (PPE and equipment cleaning) non-ED healthcare workers required to attend the ED (eg radiographers, consulting inpatient unit doctors, techs)
* Clinical support for an increased number of junior doctors with minimal emergency medicine experience
* Managing information about COVID19
  + Disseminating daily Department of Health protocol changes to ED staff (testing eligibility, contact definitions, PPE guidelines)
  + Advising in-hospital staff and hospital administrators on COVID19 recommendations and screening processes
  + Advising community healthcare workers on COVID19 processes (GPs, paramedics, aged-care facility enquiries)
  + Advising community members about processes (eg for testing, isolation, test results)
  + Managing community enquiries about hospital safety and visiting rules
* Managing and assisting with ambulance safe entry into the ED for suspected COVID19 patients
* Assisting
  + With ED flow decisions to improve social distancing in EDs
  + Supervision of nursing, orderly and cleaning staff re: infection control requirements (including supervising room cleaning)
* Notifying Department of Health of all suspected or confirmed COVID19 patients
* Discussing isolation requirements with patients and their families
* Additional inter-hospital transfers (facilitation and transport services)
* Spotting removal and application of PPE for healthcare workers (including non-medical/nursing)
* Emotional support for concerned healthcare workers each shift (colleagues, nurses, paramedics, support services, clerical staff, technicians, allied health workers)
* Managing visitor issues
  + Conveying information
  + Negotiating access for families to palliative patients and ensuring adequate infection control in the hospital and in the community after visits
* Screening
  + Assisting with ambulance and triage screening for suspected COVID19
  + Screening all elective admission patients for COVID19 at some facilities