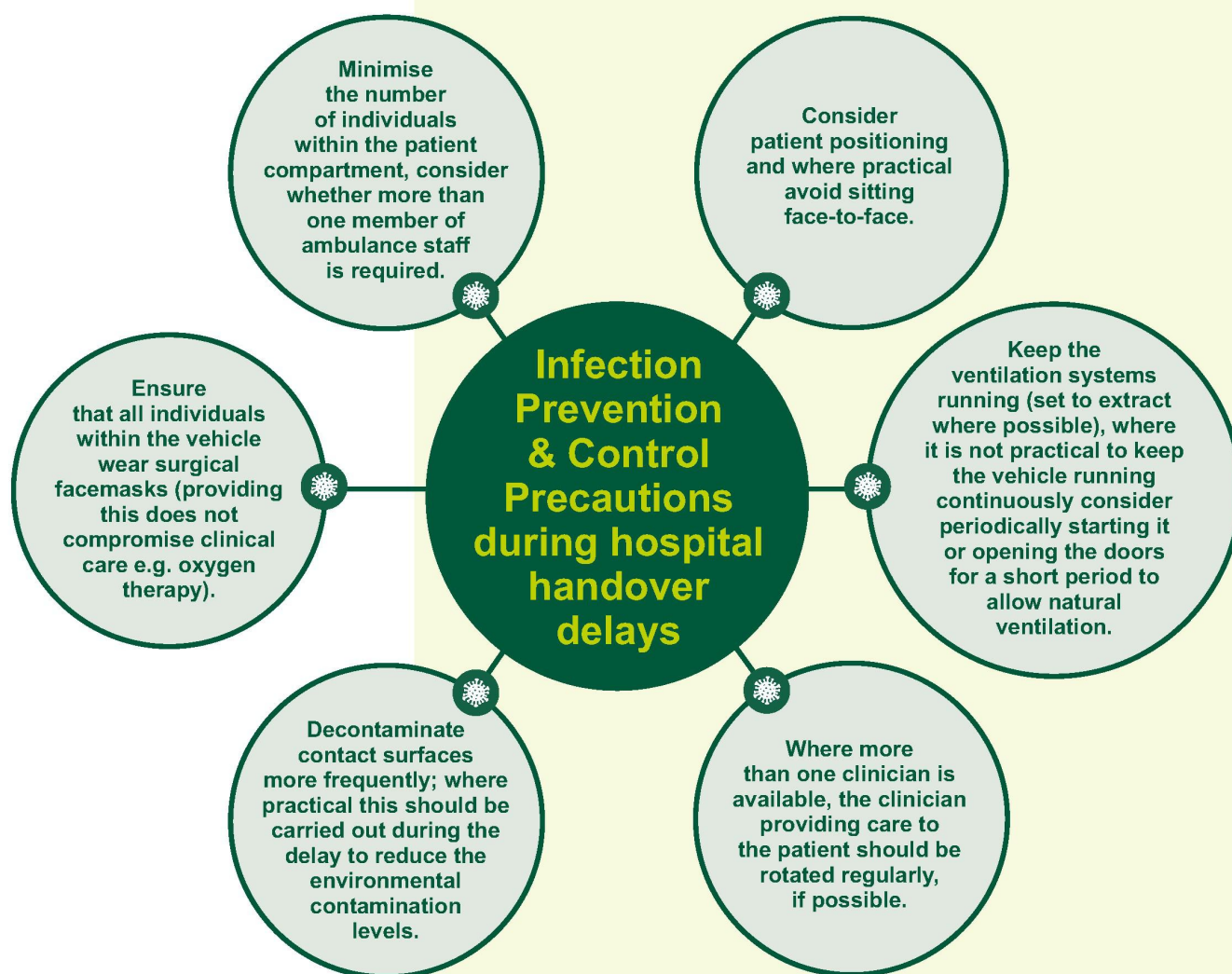




In the event of a delay in handing over your patient at the receiving facility, clinicians must follow the local processes in place with regards to arrival notification and escalations. Where, under exceptional circumstances, it is necessary for the patient to remain in the ambulance whilst awaiting hospital handover, the following IPC precautions should be considered as good practice and adopted where reasonably practical:



There is **no requirement to increase the level of PPE** worn by the clinicians unless the level of care/ clinical interventions indicate that a different level of PPE is required. The guidance, which has considered the new variants remains that level 2 PPE is adequate for direct care of COVID patients unless high-risk AGPs are being undertaken, whereby level 3 should be worn.

This should be based upon the individual's dynamic risk assessment, with consideration of the transmission route and PPE guidance. There is no evidence that increasing the level of PPE in non-AGP scenarios provides any additional protection.

**REMEMBER:** As a member of the *NHS* you are a role model in your community. Please behave responsibly in applying Infection, Prevention & Control measures **AT ALL TIMES** to protect yourself - in doing so you protect your patients, your colleagues, your loved ones and all those you meet.