

# Recommended PPE for Carers/Staff during COVID-19 (v6)

Setting	Context	Disposable Gloves	Disposable Plastic Apron	Fluid Repellent Surgical Mask	Face Shield
Caring for individuals within their own home	Direct customer care, possible or confirmed case(s)	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Direct care to any member of the household where any member of the household is a possible or confirmed case	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Direct care of a customer who falls into in the extremely vulnerable group under shielding	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Direct care of a customer with no symptoms working within 2 metres or less	✓	✓	✓ Mask can be used continuously	✗
	No direct customer care – working in capacity of cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. not within 2 metres of customer.	Can use disposable gloves	Can use a disposable apron	Mask can be used continuously	✗
	Any other work situation, in the office/premises/branch or with other staff members	Can use disposable gloves	Can use a disposable apron	Mask can be used continuously	✗

- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/902356/Domiciliary\\_guidance\\_v4\\_20\\_Jul.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/902356/Domiciliary_guidance_v4_20_Jul.pdf). Guidance for PPE updated.
- Social/Domiciliary care updated 20.07.20. Always wash your hands when entering and exiting a customer home, office, branch or workplace
- PPE should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, soiled, compromised or uncomfortable. Hands should be washed every time when removing.
- 2m social distancing should be maintained unless direct care is required. This will be noted within the Customer Care Plan and risk assessment
- Initial risk assessment should take place by phone prior to entering the premises, or at 2 metres social distance on entering the premises. This should be noted within the Customer Care Plan for use by attending Carers
- [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care?utm\\_campaign=11697367\\_PPE%20Update%2021%207%2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=UKHCA&dm\\_i=1DVI,6YPQV,WQC43V,S120M,1](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care?utm_campaign=11697367_PPE%20Update%2021%207%2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=UKHCA&dm_i=1DVI,6YPQV,WQC43V,S120M,1).
- Office, branch or with other members of staff, a surgical face mask should be worn.
- Surgical masks are recommended to be used continuously (up to 8 hours) whilst providing care under the revised guidance (21.07.20), unless damaged, wet, soiled or compromised. You may wear the same mask between different homecare visits. **\*Please note, if wearing a surgical mask whilst driving, and you wear glasses, this may cause condensation on lenses and present a safety risk whilst in charge of a moving vehicle.**