

Recommended PPE for Carers/Staff (v17)

This guidance is intended for all care workers delivering care in people's homes (Domiciliary Care)

Setting	Context	Disposable Gloves	Disposable Plastic Apron	Fluid Repellent Surgical Mask (IIR)	Face Shield	FFP2 Mask	FFP3 Mask
Caring for individuals within their own home	Undertaking an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) on a customer who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 or another infection spread by the airborne or droplet route (AGP - e.g., tracheotomy/tracheostomy)	✓	✓ (consider a fluid repellent gown if risk of extensive splashing)	✗	✓	✗	✓
	Undertaking an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) on a customer who is not suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 or another infection spread by the airborne or droplet route (AGP - e.g., tracheotomy/tracheostomy)	✓	✓ (consider a fluid repellent gown if risk of extensive splashing)	✓	✓	✗	✗
	Giving personal care to a customer with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or general cleaning duties in the room where a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 is being isolated (even if more than 2 metres away)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	For tasks other than those listed in the above box, when within 2 metres of a person confirmed or suspected COVID-19	Risk assess (if contact with blood or body fluids likely)	Risk assess (if contact with blood or body fluids likely)	✓	✓	✗	✗
	Care or domestic task involving likely contact with blood or body fluids (giving personal care, handling soiled laundry, emptying a catheter or commode)	✓	✓	Risk assess if splashing likely	Risk assess if splashing likely	✗	✗
	Care or domestic task not involving contact with blood or body fluids (moving clean linen, tidying, giving medication, writing in care notes)	✗	✗	As per risk assessment / or in line with customer preference	✗	✗	✗
	General cleaning with hazardous products (disinfectants or detergents)	Risk assess or if recommended by manufacturer of cleaning product	Risk assess or if recommended by manufacturer of cleaning product	Risk assess – if splashing likely or if recommended by manufacturer of cleaning product	Risk assess or if recommended by manufacturer of cleaning product	✗	✗
Any other work situation	Social contact with customers, staff and visitors, or in offices/premises/branches	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

- 1) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care>
- 2) Always **wash your hands** when entering and exiting a customer home, office, branch, or workplace and regularly between each different task you complete whilst supporting in the community.
- 3) PPE should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, soiled, compromised, or uncomfortable. Hands should be washed every time when removing. IIR Masks should be changed when required when working with a client at more than 2 metres. Discard used PPE into a plastic bag in an outside bin.
- 4) 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 Care workers
- 5) Care workers do not routinely need to wear face masks in care settings, however it is recommended as best practice to reduce transmission and an outbreak of infection
- 6) If a member of staff or visitor is aware that they are a household or overnight contact of someone who has had a positive test result for COVID-19, they are advised to wear a face mask as a precaution up to 10 days of contact.

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