

Updates PPE Guidance May 2021

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Main Changes

- Changes to sessional use of PPE
- Introduction of the term ‘source control’
- Clarification of mask type
- Update on waste removal



Definition of sessional use of PPE

- ‘a session refers to a period of time where a care worker is undertaking a duty ***which is not delivering direct personal care to a COVID-19 positive resident or a resident with respiratory symptoms in a specific setting or environment.***’
- The session ends when the care worker finishes that task and leaves that care setting or environment, or takes a break.
- Sessional use is also when the care worker is providing continuous care for a cohort of residents who are not COVID-19 positive or have respiratory symptoms.

PPE where the resident has Covid or respiratory symptoms (with 2 metres)

- Fluid repellent apron
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Single use fluid repellent mask IIR 2

Remove all PPE and replace if the resident has been coughing, sneezing, or has suspected or confirmed COVID 19



PPE for contact within 2 m with anyone else

- Type 1 or type 2 surgical masks or
- IIR type 2 mask
- Consider eye protection if risk of splashing



PPE when more than 2 metres away from residents

- Type 1 or 2 surgical mask or
- IIR fluid repellent mask
- Gloves apron and face protection may also be required depending on the task
- This applies when not undertaking personal cares and applies whatever the person's role is at the home



Type 1 and 2 face masks

- Type 1 and 2 surgical masks are referred to as source control in the guidance
- This indicates that they worn to protect others from the wearer



IIR 2 Face masks

- Worn to protect the wearer from exposure to COVID-19
- Will also act as source control to protect others



Waste Removal

- PPE and waste from Covid-19 cases should be disposed of in either orange or tiger-stripe waste stream
- Bags should be removed from the premises and stored in a locked yellow wheelie bin for 72 hours



Waste

- Where services do not use specialist waste removal companies e.g. supported living, domiciliary care waste should be double bagged in black waste bags
- Stored appropriately in the premises for 72 hours before removal to outside waste bins



Any questions?