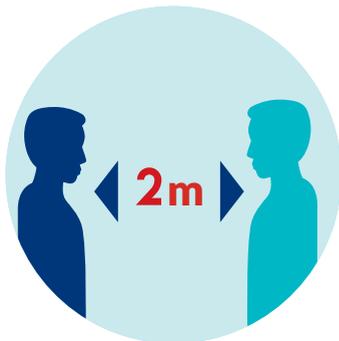


COVID-19 for social workers

Before your visit, please contact the client to confirm if anyone at home has COVID-19 symptoms or if anyone at home is extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 and advised to shield.

Please remember – When interacting with people at home always...



Keep a minimum distance of 2 metres where possible



Wash hands frequently (for at least 20 seconds) or use a hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol



Clean surfaces frequently including door handles, rails, hoists etc.



Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes

You only need PPE if someone in the household is showing symptoms of COVID-19 and/or if someone is in the extremely vulnerable group advised to shield.

When do you need PPE?

If you are in direct contact (within 2 metres) with any member of a household where anyone in the household is showing symptoms of COVID-19

or

you are in direct contact or visiting any household where any member of the household is in the [extremely vulnerable group](#) advised to shield

What PPE do you use?

- Disposable plastic apron
- Disposable gloves
- Fluid repellent surgical mask
- Eye protection (use if there is a risk of splashing and someone in the house has symptoms of COVID-19).

Safe use and disposal of PPE

- Follow the [guidance](#) and [video](#) on how to safely put on/ take off PPE
- Only use aprons and gloves once for each client
- Use one mask (and eye protection, if required) for each household
- Decontaminate re-usable eye protection after use – if cleaned properly, it can be safely re-used
- To safely dispose, double bag used apron, gloves and mask
- Set aside from other waste for 72 hours before disposal in general waste
- Wash your hands after taking off PPE and handling waste



**Information is based on PHE guidance 2.04.2020 and subject to change.
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If you have concerns about your visit or PPE please speak to your manager.