**Staff Information**

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance for Supported Living and Home Care**

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| **Question** | **Guidance** |
| What do I need to wear to walk round the home? | * No PPE required * WASH YOUR HANDS |
| What do I need to do when supporting someone with COVID-19 symptoms? | * Wear an apron, gloves, and fluid-repellent surgical mask for all care involving close personal contact (within 1m), or when cleaning. * Wear eye protection if there is a risk of splashing. * Wear new PPE for each episode of care. * Clean frequently touched surfaces with usual household products. * WASH YOUR HANDS |
| How do I dispose of used PPE, cleaning cloths and personal waste (anything soiled with bodily fluids) for someone with COVID-19 symptoms? | * Store securely in a disposable rubbish bag. * Place this bag into another bag, tie securely and keep separate from other waste within the room. * Put aside for at least 72 hours before disposing of as normal. * WASH YOUR HANDS |
| How should I do laundry for someone with COVID-19 symptoms? | * Wear an apron and gloves * Do not shake dirty laundry before washing. * Wash items on the hottest setting. * Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an ill person can be washed with other people’s items. * If they don’t have a washing machine, wait a further 72 hours after the 7-day isolation period has ended. Then take the laundry to a public laundromat. * Items heavily soiled with body fluids, such as vomit or diarrhoea, or items that cannot be washed, should be disposed of, with the owner’s consent. * WASH YOUR HANDS |
| What do I need to do when supporting someone who does not have symptoms, but is part of a household that is isolating? | * If the person with symptoms is isolating carefully (staying in their room, using a separate bathroom, staying 2m from everyone), provide care as normal. * If this is not possible, act as if the person being cared for does have symptoms of COVID-19 (see above). * Limit contact with anyone that has symptoms. |
| What should I do when supporting someone with no symptoms, who is not in a household that is isolating? | * Wear PPE in line with normal good hygiene practices. * Clean more, with usual household products. * Keep rooms properly ventilated by opening windows whenever safe and appropriate. * WASH YOUR HANDS |