**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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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.
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| 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
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