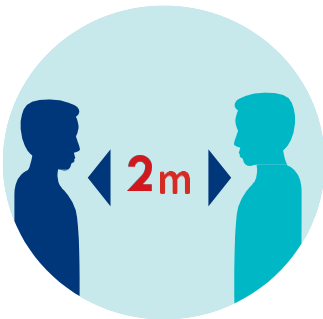


Advice for property visits during coronavirus pandemic

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Before your visit, please contact the resident to undertake risk assessment. Confirm if visit essential. Confirm if anyone in household is classed as 'extremely vulnerable' to COVID-19, and ask if anyone with symptoms could wait in another room. Maintain 2 metres distance for property visits. Please remember – When interacting with people in their homes always...



Keep a minimum distance of 2 metres



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



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



Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes

PPE is rarely needed for a property visit. It is only needed if someone in the household is in the 'extremely vulnerable' category, being shielded, if you are working in a closed area with a group of symptomatic people (mask only). This assumes that 2 metres distance are maintained for any assistance provided. Credit: Adapted from SEL NHS CCG. With thanks

When do you need PPE?

If you are working in a household where anyone in the household is in an [extremely vulnerable](#) category and is therefore 'shielding' (gloves, apron, surgical mask*). This is to protect the resident/client.

Or

If you are cleaning an area where a person with symptoms has recently been or handling any 'infectious linen' from a person with symptoms (only gloves and apron)

Or

If you are entering a closed area with a group of symptomatic people (at any distance) (fluid repellent surgical mask (FRSM) only)

What PPE do you use?

- Water repellent apron
- Disposable gloves
- Surgical mask*
- Fluid repellent surgical mask (FRSM)

Safe use and disposal of PPE

- Follow the [guidance](#) on how to safely put on/ take off PPE
- Only use aprons and gloves once for each resident and/or episode of care as per standard ICP.
- Use one mask (and eye protection, if required) for each household/property session.
- Decontaminate eye protection after use – if cleaned properly, it can be safely reused in a different setting
- Double bag aprons, gloves and mask upon disposal
- Separate from other waste, set aside and wait 72 hours before disposal in general waste



**If someone in the household is extremely vulnerable and shielding, use a regular surgical mask. You do not need eye protection.*

