

## Derbyshire County Council

### Quick guide to Covid-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) and face covering requirements

#### Adults and Children's Social Care (excluding education and early years)

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##### Scope:

- All Derbyshire County Council residential, home care and commissioned adults and children's social care services.

##### PPE requirements:

The contents of this guide meet the minimum requirements for PPE in the relevant government guidance and supplemented by Derbyshire County Council public health advice and risk assessments. This document should be read in conjunction with the COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance which is available on the Our Derbyshire [Personal Protective Equipment](#) webpage.

Please note that this guide only refers to PPE needed to be worn specifically during the Covid-19 pandemic. Appropriate PPE previously worn for all other purposes should continue to be worn as normal.

All used PPE should be disposed of safely according to DCC guidance.

##### PPE usage definitions:

- Single use – Used for interaction with one client only. Item is discarded after the interaction is finished.
- Sessional use – Used for one session only and then discarded:
  - In residential/day care settings – a 'session' is the time working between breaks up to a maximum of 4 hours (masks worn on a sessional basis must be changed if the time between breaks is more than 4 hours)
  - In home care/community settings – a 'session' is the time spent interacting with one client

##### Notes:

1. Visors – Visors are worn for any task where there is a risk of splashing in the eyes and always for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) and where indicated in the Tables. A visor should be worn for the duration shown in the table unless heavily contaminated. Contaminated visors should be discarded and replaced after completing the interaction with a client or other intervention.
2. Goggles – Goggles are available for those unable to wear visors. Health and safety approval for a user to use goggles instead of a visor is required. Visors must be used for all AGPs without exception.
3. Face coverings - Wearing a face covering is mandatory in many indoor public spaces outside of social care settings. Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who: cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability; or speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate.

Table 1 – Personal Care (all settings)

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
<b>Care Homes (except aerosol generating procedures (AGPs))</b>	Care for a resident who is Covid-19 positive, self-isolating or displaying respiratory symptoms.  Providing personal care within 2 metres of the individual such as assistance with feeding, washing, changing, dressing and first aid.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Single use	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Care Homes (except aerosol generating procedures (AGPs))</b>	Care for a resident who is Covid-19 free, and not displaying respiratory symptoms.  Providing personal care within 2 metres of the individual such as assistance with feeding, washing, changing, dressing and first aid.	Single use	Single use	Sessional use (unless mask becomes damp or contaminated)	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Domiciliary care (except aerosol generating procedures (AGPs))</b>	Providing personal care within 2 metres of the individual such as assistance with feeding, washing, changing, dressing and first aid.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>AGP (In rooms within care homes where AGPs are being undertaken; and any domestic setting where AGPs are being undertaken)</b>	For complex personal care with individuals for Tracheotomy/tracheostomy procedures (insertion/open suctioning/removal); Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV) such as Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure ventilation (CPAP); Induction of sputum; High Flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO), also called High Flow Nasal Cannula.	Single use	Not used	Not used	Single use	Single use (user must be fit tested before use)	Single use	Not used



Table 3 – Non-personal care in all other settings

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
<b>Visit to a household where one or more individuals are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable</b>	Visit for any non-personal care purpose to a client or household with someone in the clinically extremely vulnerable group	Single use	Single use	Single use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Assessments</b>	Conducting a mental health assessment with an individual not shielding but with a confirmed case of COVID 19, or with respiratory symptoms where social distancing of 2 metres may be difficult, or where behaviour may be unpredictable (e.g. spitting).	Not used	Not used	Single use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Client transport</b>	When transporting clients on discharge from hospital.	Single use (use only to help client with moving, handling or securing safely in vehicle)	Single use (use only to help client with moving, handling or securing safely in vehicle)	Sessional use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Prescribed workplaces</b>	At all times when working in libraries, museums, indoor areas of tourist, heritage or cultural sites, community centres, youth centres or shops	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Sessional use
<b>Public indoor spaces</b>	Visits to public indoor spaces where it is mandatory to wear a face covering.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	As per individual building requirements

Table 4 – Staff who do not work with the public

Setting	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable aprons	Fluid resistant face mask (Type IIR)	Visor	FFP3 face mask	Disposable fluid resistant gown	Face covering
<b>Contact with work colleagues</b>	Contact with work colleagues who do not have symptoms of or are not confirmed as having COVID 19 and able to maintain social distancing of 2 metres most of the time.	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Routine cleaning of Covid-19 contaminated areas</b>	Routine cleaning of areas where someone with COVID-19 has been or passed through.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Sessional use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used
<b>Enhanced cleaning of Covid-19 contaminated areas</b>	Enhanced cleaning where there is potential for a higher virus level, for example, the room of a confirmed Covid-19 resident.	Single use	Single use	Single use	Single use (use only if risk of splash or aerosol)	Not used	Not used	Not used