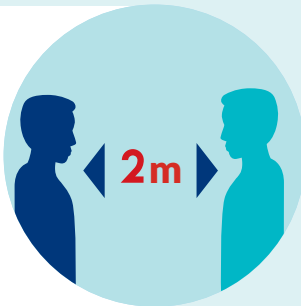


Quick Reference Guide for Children's Residential Home Worker

Based on the current knowledge of Covid-19 infection and transmission it appears that children are both unlikely to cause significant spread of the virus and do not usually experience severe illness. For this reason children's settings are currently perceived to be low risk and usual precautions such as handwashing should be sufficient to reduce risk of spread and PPE is not required.

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 hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol



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



Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes



PPE is not needed If none of the children are symptomatic and if no one is in the extremely vulnerable 'shielding' group

When do you need PPE?

If you are providing a service to anyone who is in the extremely vulnerable 'shielding' group

or

If the child becomes unwell and develops symptoms of COVID-19

What PPE should you use?

- Water repellent apron
- Disposable gloves
- Fluid repellent surgical mask (a non-fluid repellent surgical mask may be used with someone in the shielded group)*
- Eye protection (use if there is a risk of splashing/spitting)

**Change the mask for a new one every 8 hours, or sooner if it becomes moist or damaged during use. The mask should be replaced if removed for any reason. This includes after breaks for eating or drinking.*

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 child
- Use one mask (and eye protection, if required) for each session (8 hours max)
- 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



**Guidance based on PHE advice 22 April 2020 and subject to change.
Always check for updates on the [gov.uk](#) website.**

If you have concerns about your visit or PPE please speak to your manager.