

In Home Care/Services

COVID-19 Definitions

Green Zone - COVID-19 Non-Suspect patients, residents or clients are those who do not meet the criteria for testing and/or those deemed “recovered” by Public Health (if not admitted) or by Infection Prevention and Control (if admitted).

Orange Zone - COVID-19 Suspect patients, Residents and/or Clients are those who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing or as deemed by clinician judgement.

Red Zone - COVID-19 Positive patients, residents or clients are those who have been tested and have a positive test result and who have not been deemed “recovered” by Public Health (if not admitted) or by Infection Prevention and Control (if admitted).

PPE – In Home Care/Services

Areas Included	Activity	Type of PPE	Specific Instructions
<p>Home Care visit</p> <p>Public Health</p> <p>Families First</p> <p>Community Mental Health</p> <p>Family Services</p>	<p>Providing Direct Client Care</p>	<p>Procedure mask</p> <p>Eye protection</p> <p>Gloves (see specific instructions)</p> <p>Gowns (see specific instructions)</p>	<p>Masks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mask will be worn for all client visits • Extended use of same mask for repeated interactions with multiple patients for maximum of one complete shift. • Remove and discard your mask at the end of shift • Change mask if it becomes wet, damaged or soiled <p>Eye Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye protection will be worn for all client visits • Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Remove and clean/disinfect at breaks, before driving and at end of shift. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift. • Put on eye protection before entering a home • Store frame in a way to prevent contamination (e.g. in a Ziploc bag) <p>Gloves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves are not required for every patient interaction however meticulous attention to hand hygiene is required. • Gloves are to be worn as per Routine Practice and Additional Precautions (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling) • Gloves are to be worn with COVID-19 positive and suspect clients • Gloves must not be worn outside of the client's home, this increases the risk of transmission <p>Gowns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gowns are to be worn in the home with COVID-19 positive or suspect clients • Gowns must be removed when leaving the home • Gowns are not to be reused between clients