

<p>1. What PPE is required for Care homes?</p> <p>The PPE requirement for Primary care is:</p> <p>Asymptomatic (not displaying symptoms) patient: as per local policy and standard precautions</p> <p>Symptomatic: fluid resistant surgical mask, plastic apron and gloves.</p>	<p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874316/Infection_prevention_and_control_guidance_for_pandemic_coronavirus.pdf</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance/covid-19-guidance-on-residential-care-provision</p> <p>page 33 section 8.1</p>	<p>PPE requirements</p>
<p>2. Where can I get more PPE?</p> <p>You should be receiving stock of PPE this week, which will include Fluid resistant surgical face masks, plastic aprons and gloves. PPE can be sourced via the NHS supply chain. Please see link to the letter</p>	<p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/PPE-Letter-FINAL-20-March-2020-updated-on-22-March-2020.pdf</p> <p> 180320_PPE for care sector.pdf</p>	<p>PPE Supply</p>
<p>3. How do I manage clinical waste of a suspected or confirmed case?</p> <p>If waste that is being generated is from home visits and is PPE follow the guidance for home care provision, PPE waste generated</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance/covid-19-guidance-on-home-care-provision</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874316/Infection_prevention_and_control_guidance_for_pandemic_coronavirus.pdf</p>	<p>Waste disposal in primary care</p> <p>Waste disposal of PPE during home visits.</p>

<p>from home visits to a patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be placed into a bag, the bag should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste within the room. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in the usual household waste bin.</p> <p>If the waste is generated within the care home, follow the infection control guidance section (5.8 page 19) for the management of suspected COVID-19 case and local policies.</p>	<p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/167976/HTM_07-01_Final.pdf</p>	
<p>4. Who should be tested for COVID-19?</p> <p>Requests for laboratory testing of individuals must meet the criteria for a possible case of COVID-19. PHE may request testing of care homes residents if they meet the criteria below.</p> <p>Patients who meet the following criteria (inpatient definition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requiring admission to hospital (a 	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection#criteria</p>	<p>Testing for COVID-19</p>

<p>hospital practitioner has decided that admission to hospital is required with an expectation that the patient will need to stay at least one night)</p> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have either clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• acute respiratory distress syndrome <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• influenza like illness (fever $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ and at least one of the following respiratory symptoms, which must be of acute onset: persistent cough (with or without sputum), hoarseness, nasal discharge or congestion, shortness of breath, sore throat, wheezing, sneezing		
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