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Subject: Updated visiting guidance and 'How to Work Safely' guidance



Dear Care England members,

Updated visiting guidance

As per the announcement on 3 April, care home residents are now to be allowed a second regular visitor indoors, with tests required before entry and PPE provided. The accompanying guidance for this announcement has now been published and can be found at: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

If you have any immediate questions or queries in relation to the guidance, please contact gappleton@careengland.org.uk

Updated 'How to Work Safely' guidance for residential care and domiciliary care

Following a review of the UK-wide IPC Guidance (published on 21st January 2021) and a review of the current evidence base on new and emerging Covid-19 variants, PHE have worked collaboratively with the PPE Task & Finish Stakeholder Group, of which Care England is a part, to review and update the existing 'How to Work Safely' guidance for care homes and domiciliary care.

The updated 'How to Work Safely in Care Homes in England' guidance can be found at: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

The updated 'How to Work Safely in Domiciliary Care' guidance can be found at: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

The changes in 'How to work safely in Care Homes' include:

- *If a resident has respiratory symptoms compatible with recent COVID-19 infection or has tested positive for COVID-19 it is recommended that eye protection (visor or goggles) is worn (along with a Type IIR mask, which is already required).*

- *The eye protection and facemask should be removed and disposed of after completing personal care. If the eye protection is not labelled as single use only, it needs to be decontaminated before reuse.*
- *Sessional use of masks is no longer recommended when giving personal care, in the updated guidance. At the end of each client contact when giving personal care, the facemask should be disposed of and fresh PPE, including a new facemask, will need to be donned before entering the next client's room.*

The changes in 'How to work safely in Domiciliary Care' include:

- *If a client has respiratory symptoms compatible with recent COVID-19 infection or has tested positive for COVID-19 it is recommended that eye protection (visor or goggles) is worn (along with a Type IIR mask, which is already required).*
- *The eye protection and facemask should be removed and disposed of after completing personal care for a client. If the eye protection is not labelled as single use only, then it needs to be decontaminated before reuse.*
- *Sessional use of masks is no longer recommended in the updated guidance. At the end of each homecare visit, the facemask should be disposed of and fresh PPE, including a new facemask, will need to be donned before entering the next client's home.*

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COVID-19 vaccine emails

Care England has been directed to the following email addresses to log Vaccine queries and we encourage members to also utilise them: covidvaccineASC@dhsc.gov.uk and/or COVID-19_VaccineTeam@dhsc.gov.uk



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