

GUIDANCE as at 21 December 2021

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for non-health providers delivering services under the COVID-19 Protection Framework

This guidance provides advice for the appropriate PPE that should be worn by non-health providers **when unable to provide** services remotely and they need to deliver services under the COVID-19 Protection Framework. It is important before every interaction that providers risk assess the visit to determine how best to deliver services safely.

Note:

- Pre -arranged visits – ask the person to wear a medical mask, if they can tolerate it, during the visit.

Types of PPE required for providers working with people with COVID-19

	Scenarios	PPE for providers	PPE for client
	All scenarios involve clients that are COVID-19 positive	Please refer to the additional guidance below for more information on PPE	
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you must enter the home and the visit will take place in a poorly ventilated room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P2/N95 particulate respirator¹• Eye protection²• Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical mask
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are not entering the home, interaction occurs in open space but unable to maintain physical distancing of at least 1m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical mask• Eye protection• Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical mask
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are not entering the home, physical distancing maintained, and interaction occurs in open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical mask• Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical mask

Storage and disposal of PPE

¹ Particulate respirators must be fit tested, and staff know how to fit check their respirator.

² Eye protection includes goggles, face shield/visor. Prescription glasses are not classed as eye protection

Please refer to the following guidance on how to store and dispose safely of PPE: [COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment Central Supply | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Accessing PPE

Representatives from MSD regions will be in contact with providers who are delivering services under the COVID-19 Protection Framework to people / whānau in self-isolation to discuss supply and delivery of appropriate PPE. If MSD has not been in contact with you, please get in touch with your regional relationship manager or contracts manager.

Additional guidance

Please refer to the following additional guidelines for more information on PPE requirements:

- [Guide to Glove Use in Health Care Settings](#)
- [Guide to Mask Use in Health Care Settings](#)
- [Personal protective equipment use in health and disability care settings | Ministry of Health NZ](#)