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 who have been tested and the result is pending OR those who, based on clinical symptoms or exposure history, need to be tested for COVID-19. Exposure history includes: close contact in the last 14 days with a known COVID-19 positive patient OR laboratory exposure to the virus in the last 14 days OR travel outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days.

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

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| Home Care visit  | Providing Direct Client Care    | Procedure mask OR N95 Respirator (see specific instructions) Eye protection  | - A mask will be worn for all client visits.  
   - With COVID-19 Non-Suspect clients extend use of *same procedure mask, eye protection* for repeated interactions with multiple clients. Store and reuse same procedure mask following coffee break(s) unless caring for client requiring Additional Precautions for respiratory viruses.  
   - Discard and replace mask following meal breaks. Change mask following meal break and it becomes wet, damaged, or soiled  
   - **COVID-19 Positive** and/or **Suspect** patients N95 respirator OR procedure mask may be worn, extend use of same N95 respirator or mask, for repeated interactions with multiple patients.  
   - **Change respirator** if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks.  

|                  |                                | Gloves (see specific instructions) Gowns (see specific instructions)         | Eye protection will be worn for all client visits. For direct client care, use of a full face shield is recommended as this option provides coverage of the whole face and protection of extended-wear procedure mask or respirator from contamination. Alternate approved eye wear (e.g. goggles) remains acceptable and offers appropriate protection from exposure.  
   - 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. Full face shield is recommended. Wherever possible, retain 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).  

|                  |                                | Gowns (see specific instructions)                                           | 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.  

|                  |                                | Gowns (see specific instructions)                                           | 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.  

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*January 29, 2021 Provincial Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)*