In Home Care/Services
COVID-19 Definitions

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 or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).

COVID-19 Suspect patients, Residents and/or Clients are those who meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing AND who have been swabbed AND whose test result is pending.

COVID-19 Non-Suspect patients, residents or clients are those who do not meet the criteria for testing and/or those who have been tested and their results are negative and/or those who have been tested and their results are positive but they have been deemed “recovered” by Public Health, or by Infectious Disease (if an inpatient).
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| Home Care visit        | Providing Direct Client Care  | Procedure mask             | Masks  
• A mask will be worn for all client visits  
• Do not remove your mask but wear between multiple client visits (either apartment suites or home)  
• Remove and discard your mask at the end of shift  
• One mask per shift, change only if it becomes wet, damp, damaged or soiled  
• Extended use, without removal for repeated interactions with multiple patients  

Eye Protection  
• **Eye protection will be worn for all client visits**  
• Put on eye protection before entering a home  
• Eye protection should be worn for multiple client visits and/or multiple shifts unless damaged or lenses scratched  
• Remove and disinfect for breaks, before driving and at the end of shifts.  
• Eye protection to be used throughout the shift with appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols. Wherever possible, retain face shields, lenses and/or frames and disinfect eye protection at the end of the shift.  
• Store frame in a way to prevent contamination (e.g. in a Ziploc bag)  

Gloves  
• Gloves are not required for every patient interaction.  
• Gloves are to be worn as per routine practice (e.g. MRSA, Scabies, blood or body fluid contact or excessive soiling)  
• Gloves are to be worn with COVID-19 positive and/or suspect clients  
• Disposable gloves must never be reused or washed  
• Gloves do not replace the need for hand hygiene. Hand Hygiene must be done before putting on gloves AND after removing them  
• Gloves must be changed when they become visibly soiled  
• Gloves must not be worn outside of the client’s home, this increases the risk of transmission  

Gowns  
• 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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| Public Health          |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Families First         |                               |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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