

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 (excluding travel to Western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrace Bay).

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

Areas Included	Activity	Type of PPE	Specific Instructions
<p>Home Care visit</p> <p>Public Health</p> <p>Families First</p> <p>Community Mental Health</p> <p>Family Services</p>	<p>Providing Direct Client Care</p>	<p>Procedure mask</p> <p>Eye protection</p> <p>Gloves (see specific instructions)</p> <p>Gowns (see specific instructions)</p>	<p>Masks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mask will be worn for all client visits • Extended use of same mask for repeated interactions with multiple patients • Change mask if it becomes wet, damaged or soiled • With COVID-19 Positive and/or Suspect patients if point of care risk assessment indicates use of N95, extend use of same N95 respirator, for repeated interactions with multiple patients • Change respirator if it becomes wet, damaged, soiled and/or at breaks. <p>Eye Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye protection will be worn for all client visits • 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. Wherever possible, retain face shields, 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) <p>Gloves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Gowns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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