



Supported living and Flexi care sites

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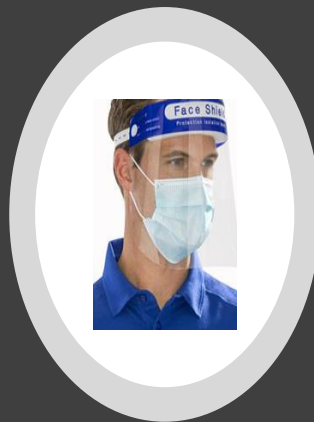
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The use of PPE is not a single measure in controlling coronavirus
- PPE is an important element of infection prevention and control, when used alongside other strategies such as
 - hand and respiratory hygiene,
 - **cleaning** and social distancing
 - Ventilating areas (even short bursts) will also help to dilute the levels of virus in the environment
- Adequate stocks of PPE should be available (it is free from the PPE portal)





PPE – Non- aerosol Generating Procedures

- **Gloves** - Single use
- **Aprons** – Single use
- **Masks** (Type IIR Fluid Resistant)- Single to be worn continuously/sessional use. No exemptions for care staff
- **Eye Protection**- can be single use or reusable



If you wear reading glasses

- Glasses need to be removed safely (close eyes and look forward)
- They will need to be cleaned
- You need a flat surface to place them on and detergent/disinfectant wipes
- Surface will need to be cleaned too



PPE – Supported living

Type of Service	<p>Personal Care involving touching the person you are caring for or within 2m of anyone who has a cough, whether you are caring for them or not</p> <p><i>If individual is clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) wear gloves, apron, facemask for all contact to protect them whilst they are required to shield.</i></p>	<p>Within 2m no Personal Care -</p> <p>When you are within 2 metres of the individual being cared for (for whatever reason, including domestic tasks) but not touching them.</p>	<p>Outside 2m- When you are in the workplace and 2 metres or more away from people you are caring for or supporting</p>
<p>Non-Registered Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Living • Flexi Care and Extra care • Befriending 	<p>N/A- Unless care involves direct contact with the person you are caring for or within 2m of anyone who has a cough, respiratory symptoms or is Covid 19 positive in self-isolation.</p>	<p>Type II R Fluid Resistant Mask- Single use but can be used continuously up to four hours or should be removed and disposed if the mask becomes damaged, visibly soiled, damp, or uncomfortable to wear.</p> <p>*Eye Protection single use or reusable (check type) Provides a barrier to protect your eyes from respiratory droplets and from splashing of secretions (for example of body fluids, coughing or excretions such as vomit). <i>Will need to be risk assessed for use.</i></p> <p>No apron and gloves required (unless you would normally use them for the task you are doing, such as domestic duties)</p>	<p>Type II R Fluid Resistant Mask- Single use but can be used continuously up to four hours or should be removed and disposed if the mask becomes damaged, visibly soiled, damp, or uncomfortable to wear.</p> <p>No apron and gloves required (unless you would normally use them for the task you are doing, such as domestic duties)</p>

Visitor Guidance

Best practice is to follow that of Supported Living;

[COVID-19: guidance for supported living - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-supported-living)

Key points from the guidance:

- Visitor numbers should be limited wherever possible (with 2 visitors the maximum at any one time).
- Appropriate PPE must be used throughout the visit, and around the building and grounds
- Social distancing (between visitors and tenants, staff, and visitors from other households) must be maintained at all times
- If communal areas are open, they should only be used by one tenant and visiting party at a time and there needs to be appropriate time between visits and cleaning undertaken

Testing

Testing is being rolled out to supported living settings.

If the setting fits **all** the eligibility criteria it is defined as **high risk**, if it fits **one**, it is defined as **wider risk**

- If the setting is a closed community with substantial facilities shared between multiple people
- it is a setting where the majority of residents (more than 50%) receive the kind of personal care that is CQC-regulated (rather than help with cooking, cleaning and shopping)

Accessing the testing

- To receive the tests, they need to be ordered through a national portal using a UON (unique organisation number)
- There is only one UON per setting. The housing provider for the site should have received this
- If you are not registered to receive testing, you can apply via this link: <https://request-onboarding.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>).

Testing

High risk settings

- All staff should conduct 1 PCR test per week
- All staff should conduct 2 rapid lateral flow tests (LFTs) every week, ideally before their shift begins:
 - One on the same day as their weekly PCR and the other mid week
- in the event of a positive test result all staff should use rapid LFT for 7 days
- All residents should conduct 1 PCR test per month

Wider risk sites

- All staff conduct 1 PCR test per week

90 day testing

If someone tests positive with a PCR test, they should not be tested using PCR or rapid LFT for 90 days, unless they develop new symptoms during this time

If they do develop symptoms in this period, they should and isolated immediately and complete a PCR test

This 90-day period is from the initial onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic when tested, their positive test result.

How to access vaccinations

Front line health and social care staff have been prioritised by the JCVI for vaccinations and therefore can access them now.

- Social care staff over 30 year olds, can attend walk-in at mass vaccination sites, the locations and opening times can be found on the HCT website:
- If you are under 30 year olds, you can be vaccinated at Robertson House in Stevenage or at your GP practice.

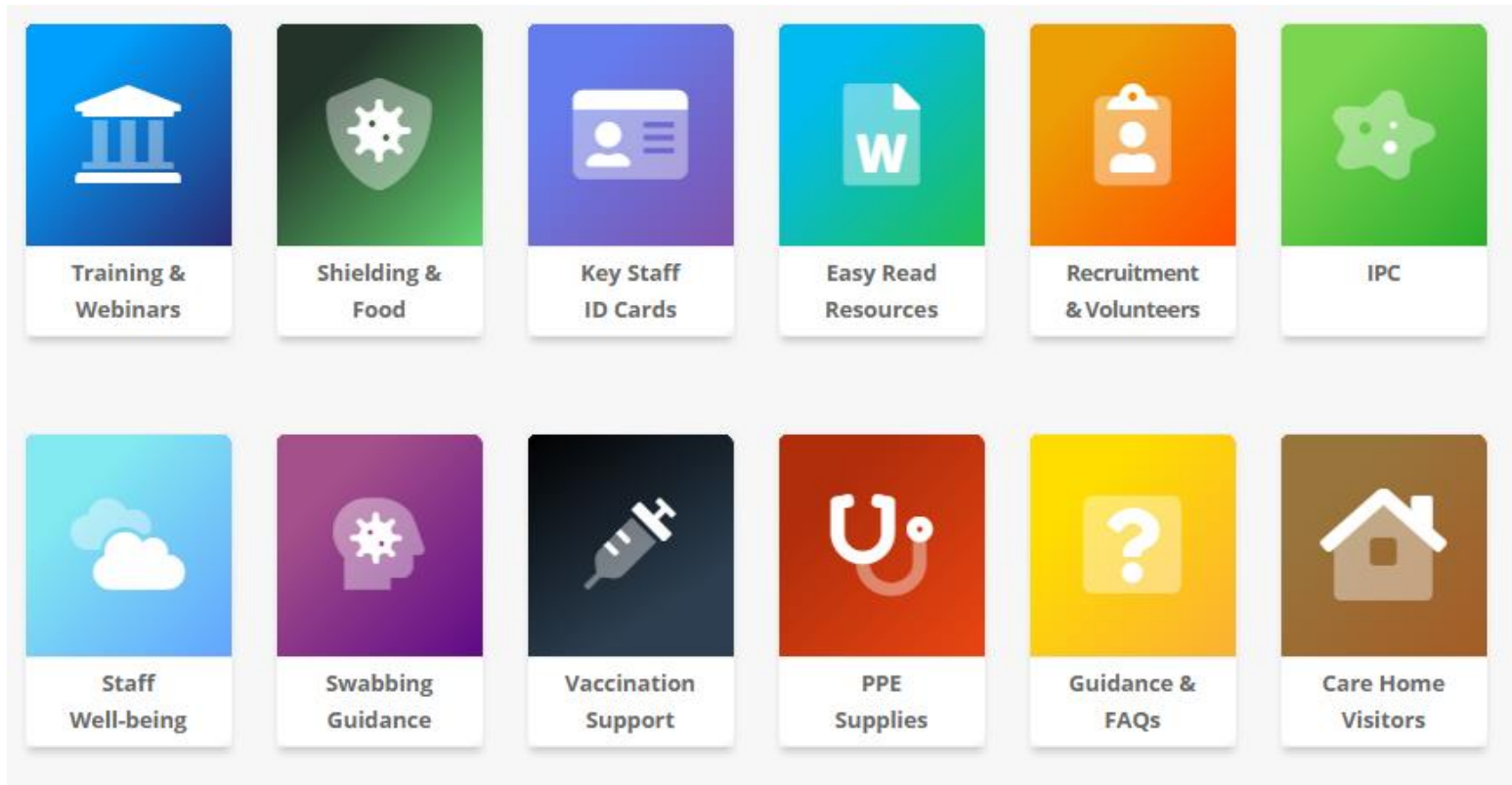
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Lots of resources can be found, including FAQ's can be found here:

<https://www.hcpa.info/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Support COVID-19 pages managed on the HCPA website-

www.hcpa.info/covid-19



Q&A

Provider Hub

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