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CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

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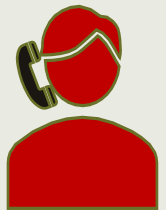
HOME VISITS: CLIENTS WITH NO RESPIRATORY OR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

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These recommendations apply to any service entering the household (e.g. Home Care Workers, Personal Support Workers) of clients with no respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms.

PRE-VISIT

- If you are sick, you need to let your supervisor know and stay home.
- Do you have access to personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for the purpose of your visit - gloves, gowns, goggles or face shields and surgical masks?
- Are you aware of when you should use PPE? If not, ask your NIC for direction.
- Have you been taught how to put the equipment on and how to safely remove and dispose of the used equipment? If not, ask your NIC for direction.
- Is your service permitted under current restrictions?
- Contact the home by phone, if possible, to ensure that no one has respiratory symptoms. If there is someone in the home who is having respiratory symptoms, you need to wear a gown, mask, face shield or goggles and gloves when entering the home. See the **Home Visits: Clients with Symptoms/COVID-19** document for further instruction.



VISIT



- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer, then put on gloves when entering the home.
- If providing personal care, **Personal Support Workers (PSWs)** should follow their regular practice and use appropriate personal protective equipment.
- If cleaning the household, **dishes can be washed with dish soap as normal.**
- **Laundry should be washed as normal.**
- High touch surfaces like toilet flush handles, sink taps, doorknobs, light switches, and tables should be **cleaned with regular cleaning solution.**
- Empty garbage cans and **dispose of garbage normally.** Ensure to put clean bags in the trash cans.





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POST-VISIT

- When finished at your client's house, remove your gloves, dispose of them in the garbage can and wash your hands. You can use an alcohol-based hand rub if available or wash with soap and water for **at least 20 seconds, ensuring that all fingers, crevices, and surfaces are clean.**
- Any equipment brought into the house should be wiped down with disinfectant wipes or cleaning solution after you leave your client's home and before you bring it into another home. **This includes things like the vital sign machine, thermometer, scale, pens, and clipboards.**



Please remember that even though someone is not showing symptoms, they can still be affected by COVID-19. We still need to practice physical distancing whenever possible.
