

Care agency together with family must RISK ASSESS prior to the employed carer entering the home either by phone or by discussion at 2 metre distance with parent/care giver

Unlikely COVID-19 /
Confirmed COVID-19 NEGATIVE case

Likely COVID-19 /
Confirmed COVID-19 POSITIVE case

Liaise with care team to ensure appropriate testing and/or escalation of treatment is provided where appropriate.

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- Disposable gloves
- Disposable plastic apron
- Surgical mask

[Table 2 PPE for Primary outpatient community and social care setting](#)

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- Disposable gloves
- Disposable plastic apron
- Fluid resistant surgical mask

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Within 2 metre of patient but NOT during aerosol generating procedure (AGP)

As above with addition of eye/face protection

[Table 4 PPE for Additional considerations](#)

Within 2 metre of patient during AGP

- Disposable gloves
- Disposable fluid repellent coveralls/long sleeve gown
- FFP respirator
- Eye/face protection

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This advice is likely to be revised as new guidance from PHE gets released

Aerosol generating procedures (AGP) in relation to LTV are as follows:

- Open suction
- Tracheostomy removal or insertion
- Single limb ventilation via tracheostomy or NIV with unfiltered exhalation port (this is the majority of LTV children in the community)
- Tape changes
- Inner tube changes
- Cuff deflation/inflation
- Filter changes
- Circuit changes

PLEASE NOTE:

The nebuliser is not an AGP. However, if circuit disconnection is needed to administer the AGP or the nebuliser is likely to result in sudden need for open suction then it would be wise to consider AGP precautions.

All unnecessary personnel should leave the immediate environment during such procedures to reduce the risk and the amount of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used

Please refer to the full Public Health England guidance on PPE

- [Table 2 PPE for Primary outpatient community and social care setting](#) and [Table 4 for Additional considerations](#). Also refer to information regarding 'sessional use' of PPE and [use in acute shortages](#).
- Employers should offer further advice in order to ensure adequate breaks from PPE are possible, which should be with specific patient circumstances in mind.
- It would be reasonable for the parent and family of the child to deliver care without such strict adherence to these guidelines, in which circumstances the emphasis should be placed on protecting the patient from infection as much as protecting the care giver.
- Good hand hygiene and the correct donning and doffing procedures for PPE are essential in order for these measures to provide protection for both patient and care giver.

Access to PPE Equipment and waste – the same applies for Personal Health Budgets (PHB)

- The carer's employer is responsible for ensuring they have sufficient supplies of PPE and have adequate [training regarding the donning and doffing of PPE](#).
- New PPE must be used for each episode of care. Some PPE might be reused as per [Considerations for acute personal protective equipment \(PPE\) shortages](#)
- Order PPE through your BAU supply chains (such as ordering from NHS Supply Chain, or your usual wholesaler or distributor). If you have followed your BAU processes to access PPE stock and are still unable to acquire PPE stock contact the National Supply Disruption Response (NSDR) via the 24/7 helpline: 0800 915 9964. If you still cannot access PPE stock in time, contact your [Local Resilience Forum](#). Keep an eye for the new online portal which is in pilot phase and will allow to order from a central inventory. Families on PHBs can access the [Well Child's COVID-19 Direct Response Service](#).
- [For possible/confirmed cases](#), store used PPE securely within disposable rubbish bags. These should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste within the room. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in the usual household waste bin
- For more information on Personal Health Budgets access the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for people receiving direct payments](#)