



<b>INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL GUIDANCE</b>	
<b>SCREENING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call and pre-screen client (and household members) for symptoms and exposure criteria for COVID-19 prior to scheduled visits using the <a href="#">Community-Home COVID-19 Screening Form</a></li> <li>• Use site specific Home Care Work Standards</li> <li>• Clients and their household members should have an alternative plan in the event that Home Care is unable to provide service and know who to contact should their condition worsen</li> </ul>
<b>POINT-OF-CARE RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon arrival always perform a <a href="#">Point of Care Risk Assessment</a> before every clinical encounter regardless of COVID-19 status: Alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) and masks should be readily available at point-of-use</li> <li>• Home safety risk assessment is completed for each client to determine whether the client environment is suitable for Home Care services</li> <li>• Household members maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from staff during the visit</li> <li>• Consider workflow practices to mitigate the risks of breaches in infection prevention and control measures (e.g., advance preparation of supplies)</li> <li>• To the greatest extent possible health care workers (HCWs) should be assigned to either asymptomatic OR symptomatic clients and their household members. If this is not possible, HCWs should complete work with asymptomatic clients first before moving to those clients who are symptomatic</li> </ul>
<b>HAND HYGIENE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCWs should perform hand hygiene according to <a href="#">SHA Hand Hygiene Policy</a></li> <li>• Clients and household members should perform hand hygiene when indicated, preferably using an ABHR (70-90%) or plain liquid soap and water, if hands are visibly soiled. Use single disposable paper towel (if applicable)</li> <li>• Education should be provided to clients and household members about how and when to perform hand hygiene</li> </ul>
<b>CLIENT PLACEMENT (NO AGMP REQUIRED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Droplet/Contact Plus* precautions</a> should be implemented for all clients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> </ul>
<b>PERFORMING AEROSOL GENERATING MEDICAL PROCEDURES (AGMPs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) List</a></li> <li>• Avoid AGMPs as much as possible. If possible, convert to Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI). Contact Most Responsible Provider (MRP) regarding medical need to continue CPAP and BiPAP</li> <li>• If client is receiving AGMP, delay visit until after 2 hours post procedure</li> <li>• If an AGMP is unavoidable, limit the number of HCWs present. An N95 respirator must be worn for the duration of the AGMP and within 2 hours post procedure</li> <li>• Ensure the door is closed (bedroom or room where procedure is performed until 2 hours post procedure)</li> </ul>
<b>CONTINUOUS MASK USE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow <a href="#">Continuous Mask Use</a> guidelines during work in the home where there will be contact with client and/or their household members</li> </ul>



<p><b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PPE requirements, refer to <a href="#">Continuous and Extended PPE Use Guidelines Home Care</a></li> <li>• HCWs should bring adequate PPE with them to each visit</li> <li>• PPE should not be stored in the client’s home</li> <li>• PPE should be put on prior to entering the client’s home</li> <li>• PPE should be removed and discarded at the doorway before leaving the client’s home or as per home care protocol</li> <li>• <b>EXCEPTION:</b> When an AGMP is performed, N95 respirator + facial/eye protection to be removed OUTSIDE of the home</li> <li>• HCWs should refer to and follow the instructions for <a href="#">putting on (donning)</a> and <a href="#">taking off (doffing)</a> PPE</li> </ul>
<p><b>STAFF ATTIRE/PERSONAL ITEMS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">Ways to Stay Safe at Work</a> and <a href="#">Frontline Worker Safety Guide</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>CLIENT TRANSPORT OUTSIDE OF HOME</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client transport should be restricted to essential tests and procedures</li> <li>• When transport is required:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Notify the receiving facility and EMS prior to transport of the need for <a href="#">Droplet/Contact Plus*</a> precautions</li> <li>○ HCW must maintain <a href="#">Droplet/Contact Plus*</a> precautions during client transport</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If clients must leave their home for medically necessary tests, they should:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Perform hand hygiene</li> <li>○ Put on clean clothing</li> <li>○ Put on a procedure mask, if tolerated</li> <li>○ Minimize touching or contact of surfaces outside of room/home</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CLIENT CARE ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit equipment brought into the home to that which is essential</li> <li>• Use disposable equipment when possible and discard at point-of-use</li> <li>• All reusable equipment and supplies should be dedicated to the client</li> <li>• If reusable equipment (e.g., BP monitor, stethoscope) cannot be dedicated to a single client, clean and disinfect thoroughly with a low-level disinfectant before use on another client</li> <li>• Items that cannot be appropriately cleaned and disinfected should be discarded</li> <li>• Sharing of personal hygiene items (soap, cream or lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, razor, including electric shaver, towel, nail and other oral care items) with household members is discouraged</li> </ul>



<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clients/household members with information on <a href="#">COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Facilities</a></li> <li>• All surfaces or items which are touched by or in contact with HCWs (e.g., computer screens, telephones, touch screens) should be cleaned at least daily and when soiled (Refer to <a href="#">WS0001 Electronic Devices Cleaning Recommendations</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>LINEN AND DISHES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linen, towels and clothing should be dedicated to one client and stored separately from household members</li> <li>• Wash laundry on the highest temperature using regular laundry detergent and dry thoroughly</li> <li>• No sharing of food, drinks, dishes (drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils) and bedding</li> </ul>
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No special precautions are required; routine practices are sufficient</li> </ul>
<b>DISCONTINUATION OF PRECAUTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discontinuation of precautions will be made by Public Health and/or the Medical Health Officer</li> </ul>
<b>HANDLING DECEASED BODIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the work standard for <a href="#">Death, Care of the Body in PUI or Confirmed COVID-19</a></li> </ul>

**Additional Resources:**

Government of Saskatchewan website: [Video: Correct Donning and Doffing of Personal Protective Equipment](#)

Infection Prevention and Control for Clinical Office Practice: [Saskatchewan guideline](#)

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