

Special Personal Protective Equipment Considerations for Home Visits in Community-based Services

Whenever possible, make a pre-visit call to assess for potential risks based on client symptoms and procedures to be performed. Upon arrival to the client's home, re-evaluate situation by performing a [point-of-care risk assessment](#).

Specific recommendations

- Carry gloves, gown, mask, face shield, a barrier on which to place clean items (e.g., blue incontinence pad) and a garbage bag for disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the home.
- Refrain from storing PPE in the client's home.
- If it is undesirable to enter the residence without having donned PPE (e.g., extreme unhygienic conditions), don and doff PPE in an alternate location (e.g., outside the residence, apartment hallway/foyer).