

Recommended PPE for refuse collection, VCS, customer services, social workers



For the purpose of this guidance the term 'vulnerable' refers to those designated as vulnerable under the government's Shielding Guidance which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Vjll9p>. The full list of those protected by the shielding guidance can be found elsewhere in this document.

Role	Context	Disposable gloves	Disposable apron	Face mask	Eye protection
Refuse collection/wardens/parks and landscapes	Collecting refuse bins/ refuse collection/street cleaners/wardens/parks and landscapes	✓ 1	✗	✗	✗
VCS/ food distribution, social workers/care staff visiting vulnerable residents	Delivering items/performing checks on residents in social isolation 2	✓ 1	✗	✗	✗
Social Workers/care management staff/BACES/OTs/ VCS	Visiting vulnerable residents in their own home 2	✓ 2,3	✓ 2,3	✓ 2,3	✓ 2,3,4
Residential and Extra Care staff working within Units supporting vulnerable Service Users Children's and adults.	Note caveat above on government definition of 'vulnerable'. Staff should wear PPE dependant on the task they are undertaking.	✓ 1	✓ 1	✓ 1	✓ 1
Catering staff and cleaners in residential, schools and other council establishments supporting vulnerable users and community	Staff numbers should be kept to a minimum. Staff should practice social distancing whilst in the work place.	✗	✗	✗	✗
Mortuary staff/crematoriums and burials	Use appropriate PPE to task being undertaken	✓ 5	✓ 5	✓ 5	✓ 5
Drivers and staff supporting in bereavement and mortuary setting including admin staff	Use appropriate PPE according to task being undertaken. 5 Practice social distancing in the workplace where appropriate.	✗	✗	✗	✗
Registrar staff supporting community	Practice social distancing. Keep contact with relatives to a minimum. Use detergent wipes to clean equipment used (pens etc) and hand hygiene between each meeting. Meetings should take place in a well-ventilated room with windows open.	✗	✗	✗	✗
Highway maintenance staff, sign shop, CCTV, HDU drivers, street lighting	Minimum numbers of staff to be working to maintain the service. Practice social distancing whilst working. Wear usual protective equipment for the role only	✗	✗	✗	✗

1. Dependent on items being handled/tasks to be undertaken-undertake risk assessment on the need PPE
2. These visits should only take place if case of absolute need. Telephone triage should be undertaken before visiting. If there is any risk of COVID-19 infection the visit should not take place unless there is an urgent need.
3. If suspected or confirmed COVID-19 staff should be trained in how to put on and take off any PPE they are required to use.
4. Only if working in close proximity and undertaking cough inducing procedures
5. Refer to most up to date industry specific guidance released by Health and Safety Executive

Hand hygiene should be undertaken prior to performing tasks and in between tasks wherever possible.

All staff should practise social distancing whilst performing duties-refer to the social distance guidance which can be found elsewhere in this document.