

What is PPE?

Personal Protective Equipment is equipment that will protect the user against health or safety risks at work.

Why is it important in regards to COVID 19?

The transmission of COVID19 is thought to occur mainly through droplets generated by coughing and sneezing. Along with other measures, PPE both protects the worker and reduces the risks of the virus spreading.

What PPE is needed in social care?

Public Health guidance instructs those working in care homes and domiciliary care to wear gloves, aprons, fluid resistant surgical masks for all visits / direct personal care. This public health guidance explains the recommended PPE for each setting:

[COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance Appendix 2](#)

Easy read guidance

General information:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Looking after your feelings and your body](#)

For people receiving a direct payment:

[Covid19 direct payments guidance easy read](#)

Information on why PPE is worn:

[Why we wear ppe poster](#)

How do I make sure people caring for me have the appropriate PPE?

Some of you will receive care and support from a registered care and support provider or organisation.

Care and support could be provided by a Home Care agency, a Care Home, an Extra Care Housing scheme, Supported Living Accommodation and other community support services.

This could be organised by Bristol City Council, you could have organised this yourself or by paying via a direct payment.

If so, the manager of that organisation has responsibility to ensure their staff have adequate PPE.

Bristol based organisations can contact adultcommissioning@bristol.gov.uk if they have any concerns about their supply of PPE.

If you receive a direct payment (DP) from the council and employ a Personal Assistant (PA), you can use your DP to purchase PPE.

BCC cannot recommend any suppliers but suppliers should be able to evidence the appropriate CE marking, EN code and Declaration of Conformity of the product.

If you have difficulties purchasing PPE, you can email your support agency either WECIL on dpsupport@wecil.co.uk or call 0117 947 9933 and contact People Plus by email on ilssouthwest@peopleplus.co.uk or call 0330 123 2815.

For further advice for people receiving a DP visit [Direct Payment and the Coronavirus](#).

You are defined as clinically vulnerable and have all your care needs provided for by informal carers whom are either relatives/friends/individuals not formally employed, contact Bristol Adult Care via [Care Direct referral form](#) or tel 0117 922 2700.

Deaf people can contact the council using BSL interpreter or by using Textphone, Texbox or Texmee.

- Sign Video BSL interpreting Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, you'll need a computer or laptop with a webcam, tablet or smartphone and a broadband connection or a 3G/4G data plan on your mobile device
- Textphone 0208 964 6345
- Texbox online
- Smart phone app: Texmee, available on the app store

There is information regarding support for children and young people on [COVID 19 What you need to know](#).

If you are an adult and have a Personal Health Budget you can contact bnssq.chc@nhs.net or 0117 900 2331 to speak to a member of the Continuing Health Care Team about PPE.

Is there guidance on the safe use of PPE?

The government website has guidance on [COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for non-aerosol generating procedures](#).

which includes the video: [COVID-19: Donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment in Health and Social Care Settings](#) (Youtube).

Any local businesses or organisation who are looking to manufacture, supply or donate PPE can contact PPESupplies@bristol.gov.uk