

Changes to PPE Practices

Action Card

THE UKHCA HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PPE GUIDANCE IS DUE TO CHANGE SHORTLY WITH THE FOLLOWING KEY UPDATES PLANNED:

- Sessional use of facemasks no longer recommended – face masks must be disposed of after each visit and a new one used before entering another person's home
- Eye protection – must be used if the person has respiratory symptoms compatible with COVID-19 infection, or they have tested positive for COVID-19

In anticipation of the upcoming changes to the government's PPE guidance for coronavirus it is important to act now.

WHAT ACTION DO YOUR NEED TO TAKE?

- Plan how you will communicate any changes in the PPE guidance to staff. Will this be through an internal communication or memo, newsletter, team meeting etc.?
- Calculate the quantities of facemasks and visors that you will require to meet these changes
- Review your current PPE stock levels
- Where possible, order increased stock levels this week or as soon as possible in anticipation of the change
- Speak to the PPE portal about increasing your current band where this is possible
- Ensure you order every 7 days from the PPE portal to keep supply levels high
- Review and update your own PPE supplier list in event of an emergency

For more information continue to keep up to date with any changes by visiting the government's dedicated **homecare webpages**.