

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## Covid-19 information for the Health and Care Sector

### 1. IPAC

- [Protecting yourself and others from Coronavirus](#)

### 2. Social Security guidance

- Income Support is [here](#).
- Incapacity Benefit is [here](#).
- Isolation Benefit is [here](#).

### 3. Community SitRep data input forms

- [Care Homes](#)
- Home [Care](#)

### 4. Action cards for [Direct](#) and [Indirect](#) contacts

- 5. Interim French QR code system [extended](#)



## **Updated PPE guidance for healthcare professionals**

Please note the updated [PPE guidance](#) for health and care settings on the government website.

## **[Care Home visiting guidance \(click here for the document\)](#)**

The MOH has reviewed the visiting in care homes guidance and some minor wording changes have been made in alignment with wider changes in the community. Of note is an added section reminding care homes of the importance of taking extra caution when visitors are children:

### *Children visiting care homes*

Extra care should be taken where visitors are children, due to lack of vaccination coverage among this group and the fact that they do not take part in community testing.

When children visit care homes they should:

- only visit a residents' private room rather than spending time in any communal areas
- wear masks
- perform stringent hand and respiratory hygiene throughout the visit

### **Care Sector Covid Testing (click here for the letter)**

Please see a letter from Dr Ivan Muscat for the sector above "Care Sector Covid Testing" to be shared with all of your staff.

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Additional support

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