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Dear Colleagues

Personal Protective Equipment in Community Settings – COVID-19

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the care and support you continue to provide in what is a very challenging time for all those working in Health and Social Care settings. I recognise that you have been receiving a high volume of communication on COVID-19 and on how we can provide the best possible care for our citizens. We are committed to working in partnership with Independent Providers to achieve this.

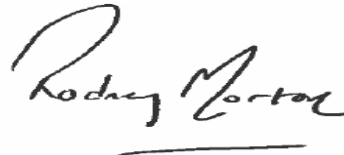
Public Health England (PHE) has produced a comprehensive Infection Prevention & Control guidance document (<https://tinyurl.com/vvjbqy7>). This document contains guidance on use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The Public Health Agency have produced a poster (attached) to reflect this guidance, showing the correct PPE to use when caring for a citizen with symptoms, or who has a diagnosis of COVID-19. This poster is designed to be used as a quick reference guide that can be easily shared with your colleagues.

Please note, the guidance may change as we learn more about COVID-19. Please continue to refer to online resources at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus> for the most up to date information.

Yours sincerely



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