

SE IPAC Hub Tip Sheet: Donning and Doffing PPE for Home Care Providers

Important Reminders

Donning & Doffing PPE in the home care setting is different than in a facility and requires more planning and understanding of IPAC principles.

Have a plan, think ahead:

- On arrival to client's home have **PPE Essentials Kit** ready, anticipate any additional precautions and PPE required.
- Identify appropriate donning & doffing locations
- Ensure there is a garbage near the exit and in vehicle to doff your mask & eye protection as well as ABHR and disinfectant wipes
- What care will I be providing or supplies to should I have? An AGMP?

IPAC Pause: Take time frequently throughout your visit to consider transmission & contamination for yourself and the client, *pause* and limit the risk! Some things to think about:

- What have I touched with my gloves or hands? Outside of my mask or eye protection?
- Should I change gloves or wash my hands? When did I last do either of those?
- Do I need additional precautions? Where can I safely don or doff? Is a garbage close?
- Where can I perform hand hygiene? Is there access to a sink with soap? ABHR?



Tips for Donning:

1. At your vehicle/outside the home:

- Use ABHR to perform Hand Hygiene
- Put on a medical mask or if required a fit tested N95
- Put on eye protection



2. Inside the entrance of the home:

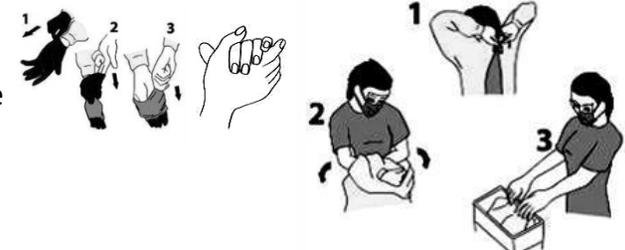
- Prepare waste receptacle for doffing in advance
- Set ABHR near exit
- Perform Hand Hygiene
- If required put on your gown and/or gloves



Tips for Doffing

1. At the exit of the home:

- Remove gloves, place into prepared garbage
- Perform Hand Hygiene
- Remove gown, place into prepared garbage
- Perform hand hygiene
- Use disinfectant wipes as required (e.g., ABHR bottle, stethoscope)
- Gather PPE kit and waste (if unable to dispose in home)



2. Outside the home or at vehicle:

- Perform hand hygiene, open your vehicle
- Remove eye protection, place in waste receptacle in vehicle
- Perform hand hygiene
- Remove mask, place in waste receptacle in vehicle
- Perform hand hygiene
- Ensure any other supplies or equipment brought in to the home are disinfected

