



Glove selection guide for Care Homes

If contact with blood and/or body fluids, non-intact skin or mucous membranes is anticipated, or the resident has a confirmed or suspected infection, personal protective equipment (PPE) should be worn.

You should wear disposable gloves that are appropriate for the task.

Task to be performed	Sterile		Non-sterile				
	Latex	Nitrile	Latex	Nitrile	Vinyl	Polythene	Domestic
Procedure and type of contact Ticks indicate which glove to use for the procedures listed and if they should be sterile or non-sterile. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.							
Aseptic technique	✓	✓					
Blood/blood stained body fluids			✓	✓			
Body fluids, e.g. urine, faeces			✓	✓	✓		
Clean technique, e.g. dressing pressure or leg ulcers, simple grazes			✓	✓			
Confirmed or suspected respiratory illness, e.g. flu, COVID-19			✓	✓			
Decontamination of care equipment			✓	✓	✓		
Domestic tasks							✓
Sorting soiled laundry			✓	✓	✓		
Urinary catheterisation	✓	✓					
Urine drainage bag: Emptying, adding overnight drainage or changing			✓	✓	✓		
Venepuncture			✓	✓			