

## Glove selection guide for Care Homes

Glove selection should be based on risk assessment of:

- Sensitivity to latex
- Nature of the task
- Risk of contamination
- Need for sterile gloves for aseptic technique, e.g. urinary catheterisation, wound care

Glove selection guide	Sterile		Non-sterile			
	Latex	Nitrile	Latex	Nitrile	Vinyl	Domestic
<b>Procedure and type of contact</b> 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 ulcers, leg ulcers, dry wounds, 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 changing			✓	✓	✓	
Urine drainage bag emptying			✓	✓	✓	
Urine drainage overnight bag			✓	✓	✓	
Venepuncture			✓	✓		