Before a Home Visit

Know your COVID-19 Community Level guidance and continue to follow the CDC’s COVID-19 Infection control recommendations for health care set-

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines and get a booster dose when eligible to best protect yourself and others.

Practice Layered Prevention Strategies

Hand Hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Remember to:
  - Always wash your hands after using the bathroom; before, during, and after making food; before eating; after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; and after touching garbage.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow, not your hands.

Masks

- Wear a well fitting mask or respirator around your mouth and nose at all times.
- Throw away disposable masks after the visit. Replace your mask immediately if it becomes soiled.
- If you need to take off your mask or respirator, properly store it in a clean, sealable paper bag or breathable container. Dispose of storage paper bag daily and wash the container before reusing.
Practice Layered Prevention Strategies cont.

Care Plan

- **Create a care plan for your client** so that they continue to receive consistent care if the usual direct service provider becomes sick or unavailable.

Air Ventilation

- **Maintain good air ventilation** by opening windows and doors whenever possible if you are working indoors.

Clean and Disinfect

- **Carry cleaning and disinfectant spray or disposable wipes and disposable trash bags** with you in your vehicle per your company's policies.

- **Follow the directions on the cleaning product’s label for wet/contact time.** If surfaces are visibly dirty, they should be cleaned with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Allow disinfectant to remain for the proper contact/wet time.

Additional Resources:

- [Wisconsin DHS: Staying Safe in Your Community](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS: COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS: PPE Guidance](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS: You Stop the Spread](#)
- [CDC: Cleaning Your Home](#)