



Covid Update March 2022

At Mencap in Kirklees we know that for the public restrictions have now mostly been removed. We will be following the new rules but do need to let everyone know that for social care settings many of the rules have not changed - only for the public. As many of the people we support are clinically vulnerable we will still be taking precautions and using PPE as the government rules state we must.

Please get in touch with the relevant team directly for more detailed advice or contact our office at Independence House on 01484 340811.

In our services we will still be following all the guidance that has remained in place in social care settings

There has been no change to the guidance for social care settings, and the Government has indicated that current infection control practices, including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), need to continue within social care settings.

This means that our colleagues will continue to follow the control measures which we have in place around Distancing, Hand Hygiene, Cleaning, Ventilation, Testing and PPE, whenever they are at work. The routine testing schedules which are being followed in our services will continue.

When there is an update to the guidance for people working in social care settings we will see how this changes our ways of working and issue guidance as soon as possible.

The Government advice currently sets out how the following behaviours are beneficial:

1. Meeting in well-ventilated areas where possible, such as outdoors or indoors with windows open.
2. Wearing a face covering where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces.
3. Washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
4. Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
5. Staying at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses onto friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community.
6. Considering individual risks, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status.

Please get in touch with the teams at individual services if you need more detailed advice.

Many Thanks

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