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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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## **Covid-19 information for the Health and Care Sector**



1. **IPAC**
    - [Protecting yourself and others from Coronavirus](#)
  2. **Social Security guidance**
    - Income Support is [here](#).
    - Incapacity Benefit is [here](#).
  3. **Community SitRep data input forms**
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- [Care Homes](#)
  - [Home Care](#)
4. **Action cards** for [Direct](#) and [Indirect contacts](#)
  5. Interim French QR code system [extended](#)

### **[Updated PPE guidance for healthcare professionals](#)**

Please note the updated [PPE guidance](#) for health and care settings on the government website.

### **[Care Home visiting guidance \(click here for the document\)](#)**

The MOH has reviewed the visiting in care homes guidance and some minor wording changes have been made in alignment with wider changes in the community. Of note is an added section reminding care homes of the importance of taking extra caution when visitors are children:

#### *Children visiting care homes*

Extra care should be taken where visitors are children, due to lack of vaccination coverage among this group and the fact that they do not take part in community testing.

When children visit care homes they should:

- only visit a residents' private room rather than spending time in any communal areas
- wear masks
- perform stringent hand and respiratory hygiene throughout the visit

### **[Ministers announce Jersey's winter vaccination programmes \(click here for the document\)](#)**

Please see attached announcement made last week with details of the vaccination programmes for 12-15 year olds, booster programme and the annual flu vaccine. You can access a video with Becky Sherrington which contains more details, [here](#).

Please share with your staff and thank you once again for your continued dedication in supporting the health and care sector and caring for the islands most vulnerable population.

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