### Additional considerations, in addition to standard infection prevention and control precautions,

where there is sustained transmission of COVID-19, taking into account individual risk assessment for this new and emerging pathogen, NHS and independent sector

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<tr>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Context</th>
<th>Disposable Gloves</th>
<th>Disposable Plastic Apron</th>
<th>Disposable fluid-repellent coverall/gown</th>
<th>Surgical mask</th>
<th>Fluid-resistant (Type IIR) surgical mask</th>
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<td>Any setting</td>
<td>Direct patient/resident care assessing an individual that is not currently a possible or confirmed case² (within 2 metres)</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Any setting</td>
<td>Performing an aerosol generating procedure⁶ on an individual that is not currently a possible or confirmed case²⁷</td>
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